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28th Jan.	CALEDONIA	7558	HIMALAYA	6893
4th Feb.	EGYPT	7912	......	......
11th "	ARCADIA	6603	INDIA	7911
18th "	CALEDONIA	7558	......	......
25th "	PERSIA	7951	BRITANNIA	6525
4th Mar.	MACEDONIA	10512	......	......
11th "	ARCADIA	6603	MONGOLIA	9505
18th "	ARABIA	7903	......	......
25th "	PENINSULAR	5294	OCEANA	6610
1st April	PERSIA	7951	......	......
8th "	ARCADIA	6603	MARMORA	10509
15th "	EGYPT	7912	......	......
22nd "	PENINSULAR	5294	CHINA	7912
29th "	CALEDONIA	7558	......	......
6th May	ARCADIA	6603	MOLDAVIA	9500
13th "	MACEDONIA	10512	......	...

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NERA	5,807	Chevalier	20th April 1905.

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[illegible]	5,807	Chevalier	3rd Feb. 1905.

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IMPERATOR	F. Mosca	4,111	1st Feb. 1905.
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AUSTRIA	R. Colledani	7,588	20th Mar. 1905
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SILESIA	L. de Stabile	5,159	20th " "
*† MARQUIS BACQUEHEM	T. Rassevich	4,766	27th " "
*† TRIESTE	Capt. D. Mistrorigo	5,095	9th June 1905.

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CIRCASSIA	Alex. Haig	6716	21st "	
OLYMPIA	C. F. Osborne, R.N.R.	5124	18th April.	
SCINDIA	S. Abrey	5106	29th "	
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	Rs.	a.	Rs.	a.	Rs.	a.	Rs.	a.	Rs.	a.	Rs.	a.	Rs.	a.	
20	21	10	48	8	35	6	30	7	64	5	47	6	37	11	20
21	22	1	49	4	35	14	30	15	64	6	47	8	37	13	21
22	22	9	50	0	37	7	31	7	64	8	47	10	37	15	22
23	23	1	50	12	38	0	31	15	64	9	47	12	38	1	23
24	23	9	51	8	38	10	32	7	64	11	47	14	38	4	24
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26	24	11	53	2	39	15	33	9	64	15	48	3	38	10	26
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28	25	15	54	14	41	5	34	12	65	4	48	9	39	2	28
29	26	9	55	13	42	1	35	6	65	7	48	12	39	6	29
30	27	4	56	13	42	13	36	0	65	10	49	0	39	11	30
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32	28	11	58	14	44	7	37	6	66	0	49	8	40	6	32
33	29	8	59	15	45	4	38	2	66	4	49	13	40	12	33
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35	31	5	62	4	47	1	39	12	66	13	50	8	41	10	35
36	32	5	63	8	48	0	40	10	67	2	50	14	42	2	36
37	33	5	64	12	49	0	41	9	67	8	51	5	42	11	37
38	34	6	66	1	50	1	42	8	67	14	51	13	43	5	38
39	35	8	67	6	51	3	43	8	68	4	52	5	43	15	39
40	36	11	68	12	52	5	44	9	68	11	52	14	44	10	40
41	38	0	70	3	53	8	45	11	69	3	53	8	45	6	41
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(4.) To do such other business as may be brought forward.—Dated this 21st day of January, 1905.

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CEYLON PEARL FISHERY OF 1905.

NOTICE is hereby given that a PEARL FISHERY will take place at MARICHCHIKKADDI, in the Island of CEYLON, on or about February 20, 1905.

The Banks to be fished are the South-West Cheval Paar, which is estimated to contain 3,500,000 oysters, sufficient to employ 200 boats for two days with average loads of 10,000 each a day; the Mid East Cheval Paar, estimated to contain 13,750,000 oysters, sufficient to employ 200 boats for seven days with average loads of 10,000 each a day. The North and South Moderagam, with 25,700,000 oysters, sufficient to employ 200 boats for thirteen days with average loads of 10,000 each day; the South Cheval Paar, estimated to contain 40,220,000 oysters, sufficient to employ 200 boats for twenty days with average loads of 10,000 each a day; each boat being fully manned with divers.

2. It is notified that fishing will begin on the first favourable day after February 19. Boat owners and divers should be at MARICHCHIKKADDI by February 16.

3. Marichchikkaddi is on the mainland, eight miles by sea south of Sillavaturai and supplies of good water and provisions can be obtained there.

4. The fishery will be conducted on account of Government, and the oysters put up to sale in such lots as may be deemed expedient.

5. The arrangements of the fishery will be the same as have been usual on similar occasions. Persons attending the Fishery Camp from India will be permitted to travel to Ceylon by either of the following routes : (1) Tuticorin to Colombo or (2) Paumben to Marichchikkaddi—and by no other. Arrangements will be made as at the last fishery for travellers to proceed from Paumben direct to the Camp. The only restriction imposed on travellers by the Paumben route will be inspection by the Medical Officer at Paumben.

6. Drafts on the Banks in Colombo or bills on the Agents of this Government in India, at ten days' sight, will be taken, on letters of credit being produced to warrant the drawing of such drafts or bills.

7. For the convenience of purchasers the Treasurer at Colombo and the different Government Agents of Provinces will be authorised to receive cash deposits from parties intending to become purchasers and receipts of these officers will be taken in payment of any sums due on account of the fishery.

8. No deposit will be received for a less sum than Rs. 250.

9. All communications regarding the fishery must be addressed to the Government Agent, Northern Province, Jaffna Ceylon, up to the end of January, after which date they should be addressed to him at Marichchikkaddi.

By His Excellency's command,
A. M. ASHMORE,
Colonial Secretary.
Colonial Secretary's Office, Colombo, December 16, 1904.

NOTICE.
TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT.
Registered Telegraph Addresses.

It is notified that a list of the full and the abbreviated addresses of firms and individuals, who desire them to be published, will be found in Sections **XI** (A) and **XI** (B) of the **Indian Telegraph Guide**, *January 1905* issue, which may be *purchased* at any **Government Telegraph Office**, or from the **Superintendent, Check Office**, *Calcutta*.

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TIME—The Exhibition will be OPEN from 3 p. m. to 11 p.m up till the 31st January as usual. But from the 1st February the Exhibition Courts will be closed at 9 p. m, The Chute and all the Amusements however will remain open till 11 p.m.

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CECIL GRAY,
Secretary, W. I. T. C.
Bombay, 26th January, 1905.

BOMBAY RACES.
15TH, 18TH, 20TH, 22ND AND 25TH, FEBRUARY, 1905.

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CECIL GRAY,
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Bombay, 26th January, 1905.

NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS.

EXHIBITS in Section II, Group X Chemical Industry as have NOT already EXAMINED will be judged on SUNDAY, the 29th instant, at, 12 Noon.

Exhibits in Section I Group II VEGETABLE and ANIMAL PRODUCTS as have NOT been already EXAMINED, will also be judged on SUNDAY, the 29th instant at 2 p. m.

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NOTICE.

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By Order of the Municipal Commissioner.
C. D. MAHALAXMIWALLA,
Superintendent Municipal Gardens.
Victoria Garden's Office Bombay 27th January, 1905.

SUIT No. 279 OF 1904.
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT FORT WILLIAM IN BENGAL.
ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION.
MANICK LALL NUNDY ....Plaintiff,
vs.
LUTCHMON JHINA of Berrygate Kariawar Street Village Rajcote in the District of Kattiawar lately residing at No. 8 1-2 Salt Golah Lane in Howrah a General Contractor ....Defendant.

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[illegible]02—Tyabji D and Co—Cassumally Jafferbhoy vs Kulsumbai widow and others—Payne and Co Ardeshir H and D D and S M J and M

[illegible]3,03—Payne and Co—The Administrator General of Bombay vs Hajee Yusuf Hajee Ayub and others—Tyabjee D and Co

336,03—Ardeshir H D and Co—(For a Pauper) Tarabai widow vs Chandrabhagabai widow and others—K B Metha

605,03—Edgelow J and W—Bai Ruttonbai vs Merwanjee Edulji Parekh and other—K B Shroff.

264,0[illegible]—F P Pavri Ahmed Sulleman and another vs Abdul Sattoo Hajee Mussa—Payne and Co

210,04—Wadia and G Co—Janoo Hoosein and others vs The Bombay Fire and Marine Insurance Co Ld Craigie L and Co

358,01—Mirza and M Hukamchand Bhoolaji and others vs Kamajee Vithaji and others—Payne and Co

Before the Hon'ble Mr Justice CHANDAVARKAR

Suits for hearing and final disposal.

Long Causes.

791,04—Bicknell M and R—Framji Shapurji Patuck and others vs Framji Edulji Daver—Payne and Co Part heard

Long Causes'

117,04—Bhaishunker K and G—The Advocate-General vs Bai Sudha alias Moghibai Madhowji K—Part heard

365—01—Daphtary and F—Takersey Shamji and others vs The Lord Reay Mills Company Limited—Matubhai J and M and Dikshit D and S

449,04—Hiralal D—Kalliandas Damoderdas vs Narayen Hari Bhasker and another—In Person

386,01—Payne and Co—Jan Mahomed Dewji vs Hashoobhai Visram and others—Thakurdas and Co

516-04—Tyabjee D and C—Luckmichand Sundutrai vs The Khatau Makunjee Son Co—Craigie L and Co

787 04—Mirza and M—Khima Khushal and others vs Thacker Sureingjee Mathuradas—M B Chothia not to be called on till 28th January.

760-04—Muljee F D—Nanbai widow vs Jamnadas Bhugwandas—Malvi H and M.

768-04—Payne and Co—Hunsraj Morarjee vs Ranchordas Dharsey—Little and Co

771,04—Edgelow G and W—Dayachand Sakulchand vs Adam Hajie Jaekeria—Thakurdas and Co

ROYAL BOMBAY YACHT CLUB.

Challenge Cup Race—Sailed at 2-30 p.m. to-day.

Names of Boats	Time Allowances M. S.	Entered by
Forelia	Scratch	Mr C T R Scovell
Sapphire	8 48	Capt Muter R E and Mr R H Hopkins
Melody	16 18	Mr J B K Macbeth

From Committee Vessel round South Karanja Buoy leaving it to starboard, round Sunk Rock leaving it to starboard, round North Karanja Buoy leaving it to Port, and thence to Committee Vessel, round South Karanja Buoy leaving it to starboard and back to the Committee Vessel.

Course No 6—17·2 miles followed by No 2—Time limit 6 p m.

"A" and "B" Class Yachts Handicap Race—(Amalgamated,) Sailed at 3 p.m. to-day.

Name of Boats	Time Allowance M S	Entered by
Stella	Scratch	Col H W Boyd, I M S.
Janetta	13 15	Officers R E
Jean	34 27	Capt H S Black R I M
Pixie	16 47	Mr E R Smetham

From Committee Vessel round South Karanja Buoy leaving it to starboard round Sunk Rock leaving it to Starboard North Karanja Buoy leaving it to Port and thence to Committee Vessel.

Course No 6—10·6 miles Time limit 6 p.m.

Tomtit Class and Handicap Race—Sailed at 3-15 p.m. to-day.

Names of Boats	Time Allowance. M S	Entered by
Tomtit	Scratch	Dr F M Gibson
Lapwing	7 6	Mr E C Richards
[illegible]	10 30	Mr J E Needham
[illegible]	1 6	Officers, R A

From Committee Vessel round South Karanja Buoy [illegible] Sunk Rock and thence to Committee Vessel leaving [illegible] to starboard.

[illegible] No 3—5·1 miles. Time limit 6 p.m.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY
[illegible] Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. MONEY [illegible] if it fails to cure. 1s 1½d. all Chemists. [illegible] Co., Temple Chambers, London.

WESTERN COMMAND ORDERS.

Major A J Stephen, 1st Battalion (Prince of Wales Own) West Yorkshire Regiment to be Brigade Major, Jhansi Brigade.

Captain A O Lash 113th Infantry, to be Station Staff Officer, Second Class, Belgaum Brigade.

Major J H Goodwyn, 2nd Battalion, Welsh Regiment, is directed to proceed to England and join the 1st Battalion, of which he has been appointed Second-in-Command.

The undermentioned Officers have been permitted to return to duty:—Lieutenant A Mackrell, 1st Battalion, York and Lancaster Regiment Major F A Hoghton 74 Punjabis, and Assistant Commissary and Honorary Lieutenant B Orr, Supply and Transport Corps.

Lieutenant-Colonel H B Briggs, I M S is granted extension of leave for one and half months on private affairs.

Captain F L Lloyd-Jones, 113th Infantry, is granted extension of leave for six months on Medical certificate.

Major J. P. Brewin, R.E., Commanding Royal Engineer, Military Work Services, is granted eight months' combined leave out of India.

Lieutenant R. H. S. Whitchurch, 95th Berar Infantry, is granted six month's leave out of India.

Major G. de S, DeLisle, 103rd Mahratta Light Infantry, is granted eight months' leave out of India.

Major W. Ayerst, 122nd Rajputana Infantry, is granted one year's leave out of India.

Captain W. de L, Williams, D.S.O., Hampshire Regiment, Brigade Major, Belgaum Brigade, is granted eight month' leave but of India.

Lieutenant R. B. Cousens, 45th Battery Royal Field Artillery is granted six months' leave out of India.

Lieutenant K. W. L. Simonot, Yorkshire Regiment, (2nd Battalion) is granted eight months' leave of absence out of India.

DIVINE SERVICE.

ST. THOMAS' CATHEDRAL.

IV SUNDAY, AFTER EPIPHANY 29, JANUARY 1905.

7-0 a.m.—Matins.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion—Choral. Eyre in E flat.
Hymns—271, and 285.
5 p.m.—Children's Service.
6 p. m.—Evensong and Sermon.
Canticles—Tours in F
Anthem—
Hymns—172, 282 and 87.
Collections for—Organ Fund.
Daily Matins at 6-45 a.m. and Evensong at 5.
Daily Holy Communion at 7-15 a.m.

ST. PETER'S MAZAGON.

6 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.
7 a.m.—Holy Eucharist Choral—Preacher Rev Father Langmore.
10 a. m.—Catechism.
10-45 a.m.—Matins.
6 p. m.—Evensong Choral—Preacher Rev Father Nicholson
Alms for Church Expenses.

THE UNITED FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND,
(Waudby Road.)

8 a. m.—Sunday School.
11 a. m.—United Service (St. Andrew's Church.)
4-30 p.m.—Fellowship Association.
6 p.m.—Evening Service—Rev Alex S. Crichton.
Hymns—207, 180 and 191.
Psalm—124.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH.
(Church of Scotland.)

11 a.m.—Joint Morning Service.
4-30 p. m.—Sunday School.
6 p. m.—Evening Service.
Psalm—42 Tune 153.
Hymn—131.
Hymn—132.
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MISSION CHURCH, GIRGAUM.

7-45 a.m.—Litany—Holy Communion and Sermon.
4-30 p.m.—Service for the young.
6 p. m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon.
Collections for the C M S Gujerathi Mission Bombay.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH.

7-30 a.m.—Matins.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
Hymns—161, 318 and 281.
5 p.m.—Children's Service.
6 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.
Hymns—295, 405 and 477.
Offertory for Church Expenses

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, MALABAR HILL.

7-30 a.m.—Matins.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
6 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.

ST. STEPHEN CHURCH BANDRA.

11-15 a. m, —Matins Sermon and Holy Communion.

ST. NICHOLAS' SEAMEN'S CHURCH,
(Opposite the Main Gate of Prince's Dock.)

6-30 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.

CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, PAREL.
(Madras Time)

8-30 a. m.—Choral Celebration of the Holy Eucharist with Sermon.
Hymns—323, 322 and 324.
[illegible] p. m.—Sunday School.
[illegible] p.m.—Evensong and Sermon
Hymns—248, 406 and 222.

WESLEYAN CHURCH,
(Colaba Causeway.)

[illegible] a.m.—Parade Service. Preacher—Rev. A E Knott of Rawal Pindi.
[illegible] p.m.—Evening Service. Preacher—Rev. C. Ryder Smith
[illegible] p.m.—[illegible] School.
[illegible] p.m.—Prayer Meeting.
[illegible]

16 years Ill—Cured 2½ years.

Patient had such distinct [illegible]ns of Kidney Disease as Cu[illegible] Pains in the Back, Urinary Disorders and Dizziness.

We reproduce here the photograph of Mrs. M. Skidmore, of 47, Nottingham Street, Rotherham, England. On February 9th, 1900, Mrs. Skidmore said:—"For the past few years I have been quite a different woman from what I was for 16 years before, and for this relief I have to thank your medicine, Doan's Backache Kidney Pills. It is nearly 16 years now since I had the first sign of kidney disease; it took me in the back, and every now and then a sharp, cutting pain ran through me. I used to come over so dizzy afterwards that I had to take hold of the nearest support, or I should have fallen. I have often been taken this way in the street, and you can imagine how distressing it was to me. Sometimes I feared that my eyesight was failing, for mist came before my eyes.

Mrs. Skidmore.
(From a Photo.)

"One of my most serious troubles was the dropsical collection of water in my limbs and body. Doan's Backache Kidney Pills acted on this water before I had been using the medicine many days. There was a great flow of urine, and the swellings went down quickly. I found my back getting easier every day, my eyesight was better, and I did not get those awful dizzy attacks. I am now enjoying the best of health, and for some time there has not been any sign of my old complaint."

"I did not find Doan's Backache Kindey Pills purgative at all, and I can recommend the medicine as being safe and reliable."

November 2nd, 1902.—On this date Mrs. Skidmore heartily confirmed her testimony, adding, "I am still enjoying the very best of health, although it is getting on for 3 years since I was cured. Your Doan's Backache Kidney Pills quite set me up; whatever I should have done without them, I don't know."

A sample box of this medicine will be sent free, on application to FOSTER-McCLELLAN Co., 8, Wells Street, Oxford Street, London.

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LONDON, JAN. 26.

SECURITIES—		
3 1-2 per cent. Consols	£88 1-2	+ 1-4
3 do. Rentes	£98 1-4	unchanged
3 1-2 do. Indian Sterling Loan	£106	+ 1-2
3 1-2 per cent. Indian Enfaced Rupee Paper	£86	+ 1-16
SILVER—		
Spot in London	28 1-4	+ 1-16
3 months hence	27 3-4	+ 1-16
Spot in New York	61 3-8	+ 1-8
EXCHANGES—		
Paris cheques	25·14	+ 1-2
Berlin	20·45	+ 1-3
New York Demand	4·87 3-4	unchanged
DISCOUNTS—		
Bank of England	3 per cent	do
3 months' sight Bank Bills	2 1-2 per cent	do
6 " "	2 5-8 per cent	do
3 " " Fine Trade Bills	2 7-8 per cent	do
6 months' sight Fine Trade Bills	3 1-8 per cent	do
INTEREST—		
Day to day loans	2 3-8 per cent	+ 1-2
7 day market loans	2 1-4 per cent	+ 1-4

Amount withdrawn from the Bank of England about £150,000 for South America.

SUGAR—
German granulated 1st marks 17 3-4 D.-J., value firm.
WHEAT—
White Delhi 31 J.F. value firm
RAPESEED—
Brown 31 J.-F. buyers firm
LINSEED—
Linseed Bold 33 J.-F. sellers firmer.
COFFEE—
Coffee in New York, 8 5-8

In Liverpool.—Cotton Market closed quiet. East Indian dull. Manchester steady. Total sales 8,000. Spot 3·76+2. Egyptian F. G. F. Brown 6 5-8 unchanged. Sold on speculation and for Export, 1,000. Imports 14,000. Futures closed easier.

Jan.-Feb. 3·57 —5	Feb.-Mar. 3·59 —4	Mar.-April 3·61 —4
April-May 3·68 —3	May-June 3·71 —3	June-July 3·74 —3
July-Aug. 3·76 —3	Aug.-Sept. 3·78 —3	Sep.-Oct. 3·80 —3

Receipts at U S Ports	26,000
Do. last year	14,000
Exports to Great Britain	23,000
Do do Continent	9,000
IN NEW YORK—	
Spot	7·00 — 10
Futures, month of March	6·55 — 13
Do. do. July	6·31 — 13
IN NEW ORLEANS—	
Spot	6 5-8
Futures, month of April	6·57 — 12
Do. do. July	6·72 — 11
Tone at close	steady.

Arrivals of Cotton, Wheat and Seeds into Bombay, for the 24 hours ending at 6 p. m., on Thursday, 26th January, 1905:—

Cotton	12,490 bales.
Wheat	20,669 cwts.
Linseed	3,333 "
Rape, Rai and Mustard	4,480 "
Gingellyseed	17,577 "
Poppyseed	190 "
Groundnuts	271 "
Castorseed	1,547 "
Rice	6,794 "
Myrabollams	3,188 "
Cottonseed	18,013 "
Mowraseed	18 "
Gram	2,416 "
Joowar	3,436 "
Maize	266 "

BOMBAY, FRIDAY, JAN. 27.
COTTON.

SOME fluctuations were reported in Americans during the past week. The Census Bureau report of cotton-ginned to the middle of January will shortly be published, and the changes in prices are probably due to rumours of the figures to be given. A telegram to-hand to-day advises a strong movement in New Orleans to reduce the acreage for the next crop by twenty-five per cent, but market advices received record a renewed decline in prices for spot and futures in New York. Receipts at the ports continue on a small scale and planters are holding back large stocks with a view to raising prices. In the meantime spinners are in a position to withstand any immediate upward reaction.

The following are the daily closing quotations for spot middling Americans in Liverpool and New York since our last mail report:—

	Liverpool.	New York.
Jan. 20th	3·81	7·25
" 21st	3·79	7·15
" 23rd	3·71	7·00
" 24th	3·71	7·00
" 25th	3·74	7·10
" 26th	3·76	7·00

The following are the daily closing quotations for futures, Liverpool, March-April, and New York, March:—

	Liverpool.	New York.
Jan. 20th	3·74	6·88
" 21st	3·71	6·68
" 23rd	3·60	6·50
" 24th	3·64	6·61
" 25th	[illegible]	6·73
" 26th	3·64	[illegible]

In Bombay we [illegible] but the wholesale attention of the trade has been concentrated on the January sutta settlement which took place on the 25th instant. Large differences in prices, amounting to over Rs. 60 per candy in some cases, had to be adjusted, and numerous survey were held on lots tendered against previous sales. Three steamers were on the berth loading for Japan, and upwards of sixty thousand bales are in course of shipment for the Far East. The principal buyers in our market are the local mills, while European export houses continue to sell for forward delivery. The demand from Europe remains very trifling, as current prices are so much above the parity of Americans, and the enquiry for our crops is practically nil. The week's arrivals in Bombay include about 2,500 bales American cotton imported by the local mills. The receipts of Broach are increasing, but outside the sutta bazaar we hear of little doing in this description. The quality is rather better than was anticipated a few weeks back. Fine Broach for near delivery is offered for sale at about the same price as Good Broach, 15-25 March delivery, without attracting any attention from buyers. Moderately heavy rain is reported from some of the Bengal districts, where supplies are again falling off in consequence. Plague is also partly responsible for the smaller receipts in many up-country districts.

The following are the total exports for the month of December 1904:—

Europe	42,392	bales.
Japan	94,866	"
China	4,250	"
Coast Ports	1,520	"
Total	1,43,028	bales.
Wool and Goat Hair	5,285	bales.
Linseed	285,812	cwts.
Rapeseed	109,672	"
Gingelly seed	149,727	"
Cotton seed	398,223	"
Castor seed	50,129	"
Poppy seed	20,065	"
Mowra seed	39,608	"
Other seeds	2,808	"
Myrabollams	42 175	"
Wheat	702,841	"

The following are the actual clearances of cotton from Bombay to different ports in Europe during the year 1904:—

To	6 months ending 30 June.	6 months ending 31 Dec.	Total for 12 months
Liverpool	72004	6301	78305
London	3661	721	4382
Hull	6806	nil	6806
Manchester	4670	nil	4670
Marseilles	4367	215	4582
Havre	41161	2004	43165
Dunkirk	64717	2019	66736
Antwerp	134105	7458	141563
Ghent	350	50	400
Bremen	25890	716	26606
Hamburg	[illegible]	6175	111805
Barcelona	51012	3858	54870
Genoa	87967	11457	99424
Naples	4150	1600	5750
Venice	50499	8107	58606
Leghorn	1155	400	1555
Catania	1400	500	1900
Trieste	127810	17424	145234
Fiume	13853	770	14623
Odessa	18616	nil	18616
Gothenburg	1425	211	1636
Malmo	300	nil	300
Norrkoping	110	100	210
Riga	1000	nil	1000
Constantinople	2152	nil	2152
	856209	69786	925995
Total for 1904	925995	Bales	
Do 1903	958199	do	
Net Decrease	32204	Bales = 3·36 per cent.	

COTTON STATISTICS.

Receipts for the week	84,212
Receipts from 1st Oct to 26th Jan.	7,80,267
Shipments for week to Europe	3,190
Do. China, Japan, and Coast Ports	37,427
Total	40,617
Total Shipments from 1st Oct. to 26th Jan.	
Europe	89,978
Japan	1,68,853
China	11,099
Coast Ports	6,523
Total	2,76,456
Afloat in Harbour for Europe	11,874
China, Japan, and Coast Ports	23,774

LIVERPOOL OPENING TELEGRAM.

Tone—		quiet.
Estimated sales	bales	8,000
Imports	do.	17,000

Jan.-Feb. 3·56 —1	Feb.-Mch. 3·58 —1	Mch.-Apl. 3·63 —1
Apl.-May. 3·67 —1	May-June 3·70 —1	June-July 3·73 —1
July-Aug. 3·75 —1	Aug.-Sept 3·77 —1	Sept.-Oct. 3·79 —1

Official quotations of the Bombay Cotton Trade Association, Limited:—

Bengal (H.-G.) (Ry. terms)	161	159	Ready
Bengals (H.G.) (Ry. terms)	152	144	Feb-March
Sind Punjab (M.G.)	163	157	Ready
Oomrawatee (decepts) (M.-G.)	159	153	Feb-March
Khandeish do.	158	152	Ready
do. do.	153	147	Feb-March
Khangaum fair staple (M-G) Karanja do. do. do. Akola do. do. do.	164 161	158 155	Ready Feb March
Oomra, good staple (M.G.)	173	167	Ready
Dhamangaum Poolgaum (M-G)	166	160	Ready
do. do do	162	156	Feb-Mar
Broach (M.-G.)	185	180	Feb.
Do. (M.,G.)	182		15-25 Mar
Dharwar (S.-G)		173	25 May
Western		163	do do
Bengal (M.-G.)	164	154	Ready
Do. (M. G.)	155	145	Feb-Mar.
S-Punjab do	163	153	Ready
Do. do.	154	144	Feb-March
Jalgaon do	160	154	Ready
Do do	155	149	Feb.-Mar.
Nagpore and Kampti	168	162	Ready
Do do do	164	158	Feb.-Mar

SEEDS AND WHEAT.
SESAMUM.

The final general memorandum on the Sesamum (til or jinjili) crop of 1904-05 is as under:—The earlier forecasts show the season to have been generally unfavourable, and the lastest reports indicate deterioration rather than improvement. In the Central Provinces the contraction of the area is slight, and in Hyderabad it has increased by nearly one-third; but elsewhere the reduction varies from a quarter to a third of last year's area. Deficiency of rain, caused by the arrival of the monsoon, and later excessive rain followed by drought have been highly prejudicial to the yield, which so far as reported is less than half the yield of last season. That season gave a recorded yield in Bombay which was nearly four times greater than the provincial estimate for this season. The very low rate of 40 per cent of the normal (nearly 60 per cent less than last year) is estimated for the United Provinces, and the Hyderabad estimate is only 45 per cent compared with 65 per cent last year. The reports from Madras, which indicate a reduction of 24 per cent from last year's area, are incomplete, for there are extensive sowings after December, and the crop is reported to be in fair condition. No reports have as yet been received from Bengal, in which province 423,000 acres were under sesamum in 1903-04

LINSEED.—There was an easier tone in this market during the week, and business was reported from Rs. 5-7-6 to Rs. 5-6 per cwt. At the close the tone is firmy.

RAPESEED remains quiet. A small business was passing in brown descriptions. Quotations are unchanged.

POPPYSEED is quiet at about Rs. 5-8 to 5 9 per cwt. A moderate business was passing at the decline.

CASTORSEED is steady. Transactions were reported as high as Rs. 29 per candy. At the close the tone is easier at Rs. 28-8.

MOWRASEED.—This market is firm with a smal enquiry. We quote Rs. 5-2 to 5-3 per cent.

GINGELLYSEED continues firm and prices have further advanced. Stocks and supplies are small and there is a fair demand for shipment.

WHEAT.—This market is steady, and with a moderate enquiry from shippers quotations are slightly higher. Advices of the growing crops are very satisfactory.

Week's arrivals of Cotton, Wheat and Seeds into Bombay:—

Cotton	84,212 bales
Wheat	127,363 cwts
Linseed	18,299 "
Rape, Rai and Mustard	10,852 "
Gingellyseed	87,373 "
Poppyseed	2,015 "
Groundnuts	4,673 "
Castorseed	10,497 "
Rice	135,863 "
Myrabollams	31,280 "
Cottonseed	105,012 "
Mowraseed	1,733 "
Gram	15,585 "
Joowar	43,419 "
Maize	4,302 "

SEEDS—	Rs. a. p.
Linseed,—Tone firm.	
Ready	5 7 0
Rapeseed.—Tone quiet.	
Brown Cawnpore, Ready.	5 2 0
Yellow Cawnpore, Ready	5 11 0
Yellow Guzerat, Ready	5 12 0
Poppyseed.—Tone firm.	
Ready	5 9 0
Castorseed—Tone firm.	
Ready	28 1-2 to 29
GINGELLYSEED.—Tone firm.	
Howree Khandeish	Rs. 39 1-2
15 per cent Mixed	" 39
25 per cent.	" 38
50 per cent.	" 36 1-2
Black Kutnee	" 34

FREIGHT.

The market is dull and the only business reported is in ready steamers at reduced rates. Bookings are reported in the Knight of the Thistle for Marseille at 13s. 6d., Maros for Antwerp at 13s. 6d. and the Roker and Beethoven for Dunkirk at 13s. 6d., seeds only. Cotton is quoted 6d. higher, but there is little enquiry at present. For forward shipment sellers are quoting 14s. 6d. seeds for February and 15s. seeds March to May. We hear of little or nothing doing.

There are no charters to report this week.

MONEY.

BANK RATES—
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Bank of Bombay for the week ending 21st January as compared with that of the previous week:—

	Rs.	
LIABILITIES.		
Public Deposits	4,34,763	Increase
Other Deposits	12,02,239	Do.
Sundries	3,00,751	Decrease
ASSETS.		
Government Securities	49,547	Increase
Other Authorized Securities	69,461	Decrease
Credits on Securities	1,88,137	do.
Loans, do.	4,44,593	do.
Bills discounted & purchased	1,02,030	Increase
Balance with other Banks	84,950	Decrease
Sundries	45,777	do.
Cash	24,69,239	Increase

These figures show a decrease of about 18 3-4 lakhs in the Trade Demand.

The Bank of Bengal weekly cash balance shows a rise of 24 lakhs, while that of the Bank of Madras is 7 1-4 lakhs lower. There was no change during the week in the official quotations in the Presidency Banks of Bombay and Bengal, but a rise of 1 per cent. to 6 per cent. per annum was made by the Bank of Madras.

A shipment of one million pounds sterling is made by the outgoing mail to London by the Government of India.

There has been a moderate enquiry for money from Burmah for the rice crops, but supplies still continue ample in our local market, and we have no change to record in quotations for short fixed deposits.

PAPER CURRENCY RESERVE.

The following are the latest returns as published in the "Gazette of India" for the 15th January:—

Silver coin	Rs. 10,32,49,983
Gold coin and bullion	Rs. 15,86,18,636
Silver held as security	Rs. 7,68,81,716

Total of notes in circulation, Rs. 38,32,00,310.

COUNCIL BILLS.

The total amount of Council Bills sold during the week ending on Tuesday evening was one crore and eight lakhs. At the weekly allotment on Wednesday one crore was put up for tender, of which amount 81·70 lakhs was taken in bills at 1s. 4 1-16d. and 18·30 lakhs in telegraphic transfers at 1s. 4 3-32d., tenders at these rates receiving 30 per cent. For next week the amount advertised for allotment is reduced to eighty lakhs.

Extra bills for Rs. 20,000 were allotted at 1s. 4 3-32d.

The mail of the 13th January brings £190,000 silver and £70,000 gold for Bombay and the following Council Bills:—

Calcutta	Rs. 57,10,000
Bombay	" 13,60,000
Madras	" 7,10,000
Total	Rs. 77,80,000

The mail of the 20th January brings £40,000 silver and £100,000 gold for Bombay and the following Council Bills:—

Calcutta	Rs. 40,00,000
Bombay	" 29,30,000
Madras	" 10,50,000
Total	Rs. 79,80,000

The mail of the 27th January brings £140,000 silver and £80,000 gold to Bombay, also £120,000 silver and £70,000 gold for Calcutta and the following Council Bills:—

Calcutta	Rs. 48,10,000
Bombay	" 14,60,000
Madras	" 19,20,000
Total	Rs. 81,90,000

EXCHANGE.

Sterling exchange has eased off slightly since last mail. Bank Telegraphic Transfer and demand are now quoted 1s. 4 1-16d. to the end of March, but in one or two quarters demand was sold to a moderate extent at 1s. 4 3-32d. for near delivery. For April we quote 1s. 4 1-32d. T. T., for May, probably 1s. 4d., and for the monsoon months 1s. 3 31-32d. may possibly be obtained. Mercantile bills are still very scarce. Three months' sight D. A. can now be placed at 1s. 4 1-4d. to the end of March, and May bills were sold at 1s. 4 3-16d. The tone of the market at the close is quiet but steady at our quotations.

Exchange—Tone quiet but steady.

Bank T. T.				1s. 4 1-16d.
Bank Demand				1s. 4 1-16d
Credit Bills 3 Months' Sight D. A.				1s. 4 1-4d.
Do 6	do	do		1s. 4 3-8d.
French Francs 3	do	do		170 1-2
Marks	3 do	do		128 3-4
Hongkong	30 Days' Sight			138 1-2
Shanghai	30 do	do		198
Japan	30 do	do		148

GOVERNMENT PAPER.

The Rupee paper market has advanced fully half per cent since our last report. There is a good enquiry for cash paper by investors, and it is reported that there is a shortage for the approaching settlement on the 1st proximo. With the present easy condition of the money market the tone of Rupee paper is firm. At the close we quote 98·6 for ready and forward.

3 1-2 per cent. cash		Rs. 98 6 0
3 1-2 per cent 1st February		Rs. 98 6 0
3 1-2 per cent. 1st March		Rs. 98 6 0
3 per cent. ready		Rs. 86·8
	Repayable.	Rate.
4 per cent Bombay Port Trust	1923	104 8
4 per cent " "	1930	104 12
4 per cent " "	1932	104 12
4 per cent " "	1934	104 12
4 per cent Bombay Municipal	1934	104 8
4 per cent " "	1943	104 8
5 per cent " "	Tansa	116-117
5 per cent " "	Sanitary	115-118
4 per cent Bo. Impt. Trust	1959	103 8
4 per cent "	1964	103 8

BULLION.

The Silver market has fluctuated considerably for the January settlement and has kept steady for the February settlement. Dispute between the leading Bull and the Bears has been settled by the former agreeing to take silver for the incoming mail against his contracts. We close steady at our quotations as noted below:—

	Rs. a. p.
English Bar Gold	23 15 6
Australian Bar Gold	24 0 0
Bombay do.	24 0
English Shield Sovereigns	15 1 9
Do Dragons	15 0 0
Silver ex-duty Ready	71 10 0
Do. 1st settlement	73 2 0
Do 2nd do	71 4 0

PIECE-GOODS.

Market continues quiet, though there is some little enquiry for spot goods from up-country, but no buying of any consequence. Prices for white nainsooks have given way to some extent, others are unchanged but nominal only. No enquiry for forward delivery.

LOCAL YARNS.

Shanghai telegraphs 30,000 Bales unsold, 38,000 Bales uncleared and weekly sales 3,500 Bales. Hongkong telegraphs 48,000 Bales unsold, 30,000 Bales uncleared and weekly sales 5,500 Bales. The market here is steady with a good enquiry for near deliveries. The week's sales are estimated at about 16,000 to 18,000 Bales. Quotations are as follows:—

10s.	5.4 to 6.6
16s.	6.2 to 6.11
20s.	6.6 to 7.

METALS.

Copper and Yellow metal markets are quiet but steady with nothing doing. In Iron and Steel markets are steady and business is reported in Basic steel and bars for forward delivery. Spelter, Piglead and Quicksilver are quiet.

COALS.

The coal market is quiet. Some small sales are reported of Deshargur ready at Rs. 11-12, and monthly to the end of the year at Rs. 11-8; of Jardine Navigation at Rs. 10-8 ready and forward; of Raneegunge Toposi at Rs. 9-4 forward. In English coal business is reported in South Yorkshires at Rs. 12-8, shortly due.

SHARES.

The market is steady and improving. Bank of Bombay shares are reported to have changed hands at Rs. 1,290 X.D., Commercials at Rs. 40. In Railway Companies, Tapti Valleys have improved to Rs. 370. Ahmedabad-Prantej have changed hands at Rs. 507 1-2. In Press shares, Mofussils are unchanged at Rs. 520, New Berars at Rs. 500, Indian Cotton at Rs. 149. In Miscellaneous list, Alcocks are steady at Rs. 285. Badham Piles are unchanged at Rs. 158, Bombay-Burmahs at Rs. 8,500, quarter shares at Rs. 2,080. Bombay Flours are quiet at Rs. 810. Treachers are unchanged at Rs. 415, Kemps at Rs. 247. Marcks have changed hands at Rs. 138, Port Cannings at Rs. 450, Oriental Life shares at Rs. 136. Bombay Telephones are steady at Rs. 26 1-2. In Mill shares, Bombay Cotton Mill shares have changed hands at Rs. 585. Central Indias are steady at Rs. 1,675. Chinas have improved to Rs. 750, Currimbhais to Rs. 760. Colaba Land after touching Rs. 600 middle of the week, have again declined to Rs. 580. City of Bombay are quiet at Rs. 1,525. Connaughts are steady at Rs. 480. Coorla have advanced to Rs. 660. Davids[illegible] shares in the beginning of the week were reported to have changed hands at Rs. 300 and later on at and about Rs. 280. Empress Mill shares advanced to Rs. 320 and have again declined to Rs. 295. Framji Petits have improved to Rs. 920, Hindustan to Rs. 565. Howard and Bulloughs are steady at Rs. 450. Imperial Cotton Mill shares after touching Rs. 150 have again come down to Rs. 140. Indian Manufacturing have changed hands at Rs. 600. James Greaves are reported to have changed hands at Rs. 380 and are steady at the rate. Jamsheds after touching Rs. 140 have again come down to Rs. 126 1-4. Jubilee have improved to Rs. 350, Khatau Makanji to Rs. 425. Leopolds have changed hands at Rs. 105. Lukhmidas have improved to Rs. 460. Maneckji Petits have ruled at and about Rs. 2,340. Morarjis are unchanged at Rs. 1,975. Sholapurs have improved to Rs. 2,300, Presidency to Rs. 725. Queen Mill shares have ruled at and about Rs. 790 to Rs. 800. Ripon have advanced to Rs. 675. Southern Marathas are unchanged at Rs. [illegible] [illegible] have changed hands at Rs. 520 [illegible] [illegible]

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

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OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTHS.

DALY—January 21, at Bangalore, the wife of Adolph Chas. Daly, Asst Postmaster, of a son.

MARSHALL—January 24, at Salem, the wife of W S Marshall, of a daughter.

PEAL—January 19, at Allahabad, the wife of W P J Peal, Assistant, Government Secretariat, U P, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

MILLER—DUGGAN—January 4, at St Stephen's Church, Kidderpore, Calcutta, by the Rev W K Firminger, Chaplain, Alexander Miller, M A, Warden, Bishop Cotton's School Bangalore, third son of Rev J Miller, Bolas Rectory, Wellington, Salop to Agnes Kathleen (Myrtle), second daughter of Mr and Mrs Charles Duggan of Sheila.

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TO-DAY.

Sun rises, 6h. 30m. Sun sets, 5h. 51m. High water, 4-11m, 5-21a. Low water, 10-40m, 10-50a.
P. and O. s.s. Arcadia, with English mails of the 13th inst., due to arrive at 6 a.m.
Cricket: Hindu Gymkhana vs. Bombay Gymkhana, 2 p.m.
Bombay Extra Races.
Royal Bombay Yacht Club Races.
Unveiling Dr. John Pollen's portrait, Adams-Wylie Memorial Hospital, 5-30 p.m.
Prize distribution, Students' Literary and Scientific Society's Girls' Schools, Framji Cowasji Institute, 5-30 p.m.
Bombay Art Society's Exhibition, School of Art, 8 a.m. to 8-30 p.m.
Bombay Industrial Exhibition, Oval, 3 to 11 p.m.
Novelty Theatre: The Empire Bioscope, 9 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

Sun rises, 6h. 35m. Sun sets, 5h. 52m. High water, 5-11m. 6-40a, Low water. 11-51m.

PARSEE CYCLING CLUB.—Members meet at the Club Tent at 6-30 a.m. to-morrow for a run to Andheri via Vellard, 6-50, and back.

FIRE TEST FOR SAFES.—Some of the Safes exhibited at the Exhibition will be put to the fire test this afternoon in the fire-proof room of Messrs. Marsland Price and Co., the room being itself tested at the same time for its fire-proof capacity.

THE STUDENTS' BROTHERHOOD.—On Sunday Prof. N. G. Welinkar, M.A., LL. B., will deliver his first lecture of the series arranged for this Session on "Waste of Power as illustrated by Shakespear's Hamlet" at 8-15 a.m. in the Prarthana Mandir, Girgaum. The junior class of the Brotherhood meets the same day and hour in the Bhuleshwar school above Bhuleshwar market and will be conducted by Mr. M. A. Patel.

SUICIDE OF A PARSI WOMAN.—At Raghoonath Dadaji Street, Fort, yesterday, Mr. P. Byrne, Coroner for Bombay, held an inquest regarding the death of Bhikaiji, a Parsi woman, aged sixty-four years. The evidence showed that for the last eighteen months the deceased had been suffering from pains in her chest. The malady had distracted her mind and she often said she was tired of life. On Thursday afternoon she was taken ill and a doctor was sent for. She admitted before the doctor having taken some methylated spirit with sulphur. Her condition grew worse and she died the same evening. A verdict of suicide was recorded.

PARSI'S PUGILISM.—Yesterday morning before Mr. Karsondas Chhabildas, Third Presidency Magistrate, Sub-Inspector Power charged Navroji Maneckji, a lawyer's clerk residing at Cheera Bazaar, with disorderly behaviour and assaulting Erachsha Shapurjee at Bazaar Gate Street on Thursday evening. The evidence showed that the assault was the result of an altercation between the complainant and the accused, who gave the former a black eye with his fist. He admitted the assault, saying the complainant had put him into a fury by abusing him and had challenged him to fight. A fine of Rs. 50 was imposed, with the alternative of two days' rigorous imprisonment.

MUSIC AT THE MAHALAKSHMI RACES.—By kind permission of Lt. Col. S. T. Sarjant and officers, the band of the 1st Bn. G. I. P. Ry. Vols. will play the following programme of music under the direction of Mr. A. Mallandaine, Band Master, commencing at 3-30 p.m. to-day:—

March ... The Queen's Guard ... Wild[illegible]
Overture ... Tutti in Maschera ... Pedrotti
Intermezzo ... [illegible] ... B[illegible]
Characteristic Piece ... [illegible] ... Middleton
Selection ... [illegible] ... [illegible]
Selection ... Three [illegible] ... [illegible]
Intermezzo ... [illegible] ... [illegible]

A SEAMAN'S ABSENCE.—Yesterday morning, before Mr. Karsondas Chhabildas, Third Presidency Magistrate, Mr. A. M. King, chief engineer on board the s. s. Nubia, charged D. McIntosh, a seaman on board the same vessel, with absenting himself from the vessel without leave. It appeared that the steamer arrived in the Bombay harbour on the 2nd instant. On the 21st at about 7 p. m., the accused went away without leave and did not return till yesterday morning. The accused had absented himself on several previous occasions without leave when he was warned and dealt with leniently by the Captain of the ship. The accused pleaded guilty and admitted his previous offences. He was sentenced to three weeks' rigorous imprisonment and was fined two days' wages.

MUSIC AT THE EXHIBITION.—The following programme will be played by the Imperial String Band at the Exhibition under the direction of Mr. D. C. Menezes to-morrow:—

From 5-30 to 7 p m.

March ... At a Georgia Camp meeting ... Mills
Overture ... Light Cavalry ... Suppe
Valse ... Love and Life in Vienna ... Komzak
Fantasia ... A Night in Berlin ... Hartmann
American Sketch ... By the Swanee River ... Middleton
Quadrille ... A try Supper ... Kapp

From 8-30 to 10-30 p m

Cake Walk ... Smokey Mokes ... Holzmann
Overture ... Poet and Peasant ... Suppe
Valse ... La Fascination ... Pecorini
Selection ... A Life on the Ocean ... Bosing
Hiawatha ... A Summer Idyl ... Moret
Polka ... The Deep Blue Sea ... Bower

FATALITY ON THE RAILWAY.—At the Goculdas Tejpal Hospital, yesterday morning Mr. P. Byrne, Coroner for Bombay, conducted an inquest relative to the death of Hanaji Pema, a Hindu khulasi aged thirty years, who was knocked down and run over by a light engine to the north of the Marine Lines Station of the B. B. and C. I. Railway on Wednesday night. The evidence showed that about 9 o'clock on Wednesday night, after a light engine had passed the down line, the railway policeman on duty at the level-crossing heard somebody screaming. On going to the spot the policeman saw the deceased lying between the down rails about sixty yards to the south of the level-crossing with his right leg almost severed from the body and a wound on the head. He was removed to the Goculdas Tejpal Hospital, where he died the next day. The Jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

BOMBAY SIXTH EXTRA MEETING.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28.

TIME AND ORDER OF RUNNING.

1st Race—The Novice Plate—2-30 p.m.
2nd Race—The Consolation Plate—3-0 p.m.
3rd Race—The Charol[illegible] Plate—[illegible] p.m.
4th Race—The New Market Plate 4-[illegible] p.m.
5th Race—The Little Arab [illegible] p.m.
6th Race—The Nursery [illegible] p.m.

By kind permission of Lt-Col S T Sarjant and the Officers of the G I P Railway Volunteers their band will play during the afternoon.

A SPECIAL TRAIN LEAVES.

[illegible]

HONOUR TO SIR P. M. MEHT

PRESENTATION BY STUDENTS.

LAST evening a meet[illegible] of past and pres students of the Elphinstone College was held in College Library Hall for the purpose of entertain the Hon. Sir P. M. Mehta and of presenting h with a massive silver centre piece, subscri for by students of the College on the occa of his being Knighted by the King-Emper Principal M. Macmillan was in the chair. T passages leading to the Library and the studen common room, where the refreshments were p vided, were decorated with bunting and plants pots and tubs. A number of European and nati ladies were present on the occasion. At a meet of students held some months ago it was resolv that some permanent memorial of the Parsee Knig be kept on the College premises in the shape of a b or a portrait, and that an entertainment be giv to him. A committee was appointed on the occasi to raise subscriptions and to carry into effect t objects of the meeting.

The chairman, Principal Macmillan, in addre ing the meeting, said: Past and Present Elphi stonians, although I highly appreciate the honour having to preside at this gathering of Elphinstoni ans to congratulate one of the most distinguish alumni of the College on the recognition of h high deserts by His Majesty the Emperor of Ind yet I could wish that the chair had rather be filled by one of my illustrious predecessors, a that I could summon here from his retirement the sunny shores of the Bay of Naples, Dr. Word worth, whose eloquent tongue would have well f ted him to make a speech worthy of the occasio It was Dr. Samuel Johnson, I believe, who la down the principle expressed in the well-know line—"Who drive fat oxen should themselves b fat." According to this dictum, which I am not pr pared to dispute, it is extremely requisite that tho who take upon themselves the task of singing th praises of eloquent men should themselves be el quent. And that is why I feel so much diffidenc in speaking to you in praise of Sir Pherozesha since I am painfully conscious that my weak voi and language cannot do justice to the them for in my humble opinion eloquence is the mos commanding gift by which our guest of this after noon has made for himself a great name in publ life. He has in a high degree both the physical an intellectual qualities that go to make up a grea orator. His ready wit, his flow of words, hi courage and presence of mind, his clearness o intellect—that enables him to grasp at a moment' notice all the bearings of a complicated question his logical power, his learning, his power of com parison providing him with an abundant suppl of luminous illustrations to make an obscure poin clear to the meanest intellect, and above all hi powerful and sonorous voice would have given hi a commanding influence in the largest publi assembly that was ever swayed by the power o eloquence even in the great days of Rome an Athens. Those who hold the doctrine of the trans migration of souls might well believe that in a pre vious life the soul of Sir Pherozeshah Meht inspired one of those "ancients whose resistle eloquence wielded at will that fierce democrati shook the arsenal and fulmined over Greece t Macedon and Artaxerxes' throne." But fo the fact that he happens to be a descendan of the ancient Persians, and if the transmigratio of souls follows the line of hereditary succession his soul must in his state of pre-existence be looke for among the subjects of Artaxerxes in the Persia Empire, where he would have found even less scop for the exercise of his splendid gifts of oratory tha is afforded him in this city. I have dwelt upo Sir Pherozeshah's eloquence, because it is by hi power as a speaker that he is best known to th outer world who do not belong to the circle o his intimate friends. I have not the privilege o knowing him myself as well as I should wish t know him. Nevertheless, I have seen enough o him in society and in the intercourse of Universit business to appreciate the good humour, cheerines and bon-homie, which make him so popular. I als always remembered with gratitude the encourage ment and support he gave me many years ago, when in this building I delivered a public lecture to the College Union and he was kind enough to take the chair. The whole educated world of Western India is deeply indebted to him for his devotion to the cause of higher education and for the time and trouble he has given to University matters in the Senate and the Syndicate. We Elphinstonians owe him a special debt of affection for the interest he had always taken in the fortunes of his old college, whose image the bustle and excitement of a busy public life had never erased from his mind. Proceeding, Mr. Macmillan said Sir Pherozeshah entered Elphinstone College as an undergraduate forty years ago, and after taking his degree acted for some time as Fellow. When they removed from Parel to the Fort it was Sir Pherozeshah who expressed the thanks of the College to Lord Reay for establishing them in this handsome building. He showed his interest in the out-door life and physical education by becoming a life member of the College Gymkhana; took an active part in the Telang Memorial movement; and in many other ways worked for their welfare. Lastly, a year or two ago, in spite of all the manifold claims made upon his time from other quarters, he consented to become one of their Trustees and to share with Sir Jamsetjee Jejeebhoy and the Hon. Mr. Justice Chandavarkar the task of administering their endowment funds. He hoped that all the younger Elphinstonians here present, who would become distinguished in after-life, would have a like pious memory and regard for the institution to which they owed their education. They could not all expect to rise so high in life and make their name a household word in India as Sir Pherozeshah had done. It was not the lot of everyone to guide the deliberations of the civic fathers, and sit at the Council Table of Governors and Viceroys. But they could all try to emulate the perseverance and determination and independence of character by which Sir Pherozeshah rose to the position he held. They could, like him, zealously cultivate such abilities as they possessed, and live lives distinguished, if not by high rank and widespread fame, at any rate by honour, industry, and patriotism. If they did this, whether their sphere of life be high or low, they would be honoured themselves and reflect honour on the College to which they belonged. (Loud applause.)

In presenting the bowl, the Chairman said: On behalf of past and present Elphinstonians I offer you Sir Pherozeshah, this silver bowl as a material and visible token of our hearty congratulations on your elevation to knighthood.

In the course of his reply, Sir Pherozeshah said he really did not know how to thank them, for the great kindness of Mr. Macmillan of presiding on the occasion, which he could only attribute to that gentleman's kindly sympathy and keen solicitude, which he extended to the students, and which the co-operation of a lady like Mrs. Macmillan was associated. He thanked those present for the cordial reception they had given him that afternoon. Among them he felt forty years younger, as if transformed by the magic attributes of the fabled "Chrystal Stone." He might venture to agree with Mr. Macmillan in one thing, and that was that his love and attachment to the College, and pride and joy in his having been a student in it, and for the happy days he had passed in it, were unalterably fixed in his heart. Mr. Macmillan, who was an eloquent and excellent speaker himself, had led them to expect a speech from him, and to induce him to make one. But recently they had a surfeit of speeches, so much so that the very hearing of the word made [illegible] This saturnalia of speeches began [illegible] in the Town Hall on St. [illegible] followed by the speech[illegible] would rather [illegible] compare notes with [illegible] distinguished professors, and [illegible] the out-door exercises [illegible] ago. Sir Pherozeshah [illegible] the College premises [illegible] the sheet of water of [illegible] in song and verse [illegible] by any of the Lake Poets. He spoke [illegible] Sir Alexander Grant, who treated the students under him as gentlemen, and whose students behaved to him like gentlemen. He touched humorously on his Professor of Logic who thought that the two large volumes of Sir William Hamilton were too much for the understanding of his students. He said he felt hurt at the statement that college cricket was started in days later than his. But the reverse was the case; Sir Alexander Grant evinced a deep personal interest in the game, and he himself led the students out into the field for that purpose. Thanking his audience once more, and asking the students always to cherish and love their college, Sir Pherozeshah concluded his remarks amidst loud applause. An adjournment was then made to the Common Room for refreshment.

THE CITY MORTALITY.

THE Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours ending at 6 a. m. yesterday, give the following results:—

Wards.	Plague Attacks.	Plague Deaths.	Deaths from all causes.
A Upper, Middle and Lower Colaba, Fort Northern Fort Southern and Esplanade	6	2	8
B Mandvi, Chuckla, Umarkhadi and Dongri	14	12	27
C Market, Dhobi Talao, Fanaswady, Bhuleshwar, Khara Talao and Kumbharwada	18	15	48
D Khetwady, Girgaum, Chowpatty, Walkeshwar and Mahalakshmi	0	2	17
E Mazagon, Tarwady, 2nd Nagpada, Kamatipura, Tardeo, Byculla, and 1st Nagpada	25	19	55
F Parel, Sewri and Sion	0	0	10
G Mahim and Worli	2	1	18
Water Division	0	0	0
Non-Resident and Unknown	0	0	0
Hospitals	6	4	22
Total	71	57	215
Total plague deaths to date	279,010	232,179	
Same date last year	56	51	132

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Attacks.	Deaths.
19	132

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WAR NEWS.

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SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Saga, 699 tons, Captain A. Mac will, sail to-day for Tuticorin in ballast.

THE steamer Thenista 2327 tons, Captain R Trensman arrived in harbour yesterday from Portsaid in ballast.

THE B I S Co's steamer Fultala 2701 tons, Captain J W Robertson will sail to-day for Karachi with the same bottom cargo.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Vita 501 tons, Captain H. Trouson, sailed yesterday for Karachi and coast ports with a general cargo and passengers.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Vadala, 2164 tons Captain J Skinner, sailed yesterday for Calcutta via coast ports with a general cargo, she towed the flat Meerut.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Sirsa, 1675 tons Captain R W G Lowe R N R arrived in harbour yesterday from Calcutta via coast ports, with a general cargo, and Mr. J Carrol and three others as passengers.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Dwarka, 759 tons Captain H, Carey, will sail to-day for Persian Gulf via Karachi, with a general cargo and the following passengers :—Major B L Mills, Mr C S Wilson, Col Kelly Lieut-Col H C Stanton, wife and 2 children 13 natives and 200 deck.

THE Anchor Line steamer Britannia, 1,969 tons, Captain R J Garrick, arrived in harbour on Thursday evening from Glasgow via Liverpool, with a general cargo and the following passengers :—Mr A N J Harrison, Mr B Isherwood, Mr G A Lawes, Dr Ryles, Lieut-Col and Mrs H E Stanton, and 2 children, Mr R Wilson, and Mrs Wyllie.

MEN-OF-WAR AND ROYAL INDIAN MARINE SHIPS.

IN THE STREAM.

HMS Flagship Hyacinth....Capt the Hon'ble......H-R Navy
H M S Perseus.....Comdr.........M R Hill.........Royal Navy
R I M S Hardinge..Comdr G H Baugh..............R I Marine
R I M S Clive.....Comdr Beauchamp..................R I Marine

IN GOVT. DOCKYARD.

H M S Lapwing..........................Royal Navy
R I M S Comet.....Comdr.........Stoozen..........R I Marine
Three Torpedo Boats..........................
R I M S Dalhousie..Comdr W G Hewett.........R I Marine

VESSELS IN THE HARBOUR.—JAN. 27.

Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agent.
Jelunga	3381	Windebank	Calcutta		M M & Co
India	2591	Forbes			M M & Co
Eden (bque)	414	Souton			The Captain
Baron Innerdale	2130	Crackel			W & A Graham & Co
Landaura	2157	Farquharson			M M & Co
Kasara	505	Chappel			M M & Co
St Regulus	[illegible]	Borg			A A Montrehoff
Vermont	2721	Wm C Haynes R N R			Captain
Saga	699	Moe			Bombay Co
Argyll	2281	Harrison			W & A G & Co
Dumra	762	Williams			M M & Co
Bancoora	2198	Abbott			M M & Co
Clan Macarthur	2565	Gray			F Muir & Co
Vadala	2164	Skinnee			M M & Co
Okara	3429	Fenwick			M M & Co
Arroyo	2307	Plough			Andren Yule & Co
Sanctoria	2377	Ward			Bombay Co
Clan Macdonald	3112	Haywood			F M & Co
Dwarka	789	Carey	K'chi		M M & Co

VESSELS IN DOCKS.

PRINCE'S DOCK.

	Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agent.
A	Orissa	3525	Fry	M'lore	28-1	M M & Co
B	Den of Airlie		Cumming	Havre	10-2	K N & Co
C&R	Ocean Monarch	2180	Murray	Kobe	27-1	W & A Graham & Co
D&E	Ehrenfels	2866	Strufing	K'chi	3-2	Glade & Co
F	Fultala	2702	Robertson	Calcutta	27-1	M M & Co
G	Kapurthiala	720	Watson	P Gulf	27-1	M M & Co
H	Adato	2145	Brodie	Kobe	3-2	T Morrison & Co
K	Clan Macleod	3043	Cowie	Antwerp	2-2	F Muir & Co
N	James Brand	2554	Ponance		29-1	W & A G & Co
O	Benlomond	1760	Clark	London	5-2	T M & Co
P	Beethoven	2412	Hocker	Dunkirk	31-1	J M & Co
Q	Ethelhilda	1874	Trowsdale	Hamburg	3-2	K Nixon & Co

P. DOCK H. WALL.

Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agent.
Mahanadi	547	Hoosein	N F		Shpd & Co
Ponani	552	Mahomed	B Negar	28-1	Shpd & Co
Indravati	513	Mahomed	Manglore	27-1	
Satrungi	547	Ahmed	Karachi	28-1	Shpd & Co

P. DOCK M. D. D.

Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agent.
Nubia	5014	Tillard	China	8-2	P & O Co

VICTORIA DOCK.

Shed.	Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destinations.	Date.	Agent.
1	Britannia	1979	Garrick	L'pool	9-2	W & A G & Co
2	Umballa	3426	Hugill	Stream	24-1	M M & Co
3	Persiveranza	2244	Pietro	Portsaid	4-2	Ralli Bros
5	Dumbarton	2249	Rettie	Kobe	30-1	T M & Co
7	Sutherland	2177	Wallace	Antwerp	28-1	T Morrison
7	Imperator	2320	Mosca	Trieste	1-2	A L L N Co
9	Kt of the Thistle	4286	Baker	Genoa	3-2	K N & Co
[illegible]	Maroa	4451	Kelway	Antwerp	4-2	K Nixon & Co
12	Egypt	4178	Leadon	London	4-2	P & O Co
14	Springwell	1943	Chisholm	Antwerp	28-1	M M & Co
15	Clan Leslie	2499	Oliver	London	4-2	F Muir & Co
16	Roker	2262	Wilson	Dunkirk	3-2	K Nixon & Co

ARRIVALS.

Jan.	Vessel.	Commander.	From.
28	Britannia s	Garrick	Glasgow Dec 27
27	Themisto s	Tiensman	Portsaid Jan 13
	Sirsa s	Lowe	Calcutta Dec 28

DEPARTURES.

Jan.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
27	Marq Bacquehem s	Rassevich	Kobe
	Fran'co Ciamgra s	Maresca	Calcutta
	Branksome Hall s	Hood	Liverpool via K'chi
	Ocean Monarch s	Murray	Kobe
	Nevasa s	Hirst	Zanzibar
	Vadala s	Skinner	Calcutta &c
	Vita s	Trouson	Karachi &c

The following vessels obtained their port clearances yesterday ;—

Steamer Saga Moe for Tuticorin
" Dwarka Carey for Persian Gulf &c
" Fultala Robertson Karachi

The following vessels began to load yesterday ;—

Steamer Umballa for Calcutta &c
" Britannia for Liverpool &c
" Istria for Trieste &c

CALCUTTA.

ARRIVALS.

Jan.	Names.	Tons.	From
24	Lalpoora	2124	Bombay
24	Neidenfels	3504	M'boro
24	Palitana	1934	Rangoon

DEPARTURES.

Jan.	Names.	Tons.	For
24	Clan Chattan	2500	L via Chi'gong
24	Magna	771	Rangoon
24	M Meanatchy	1363	Rangoon
24	Matoppo	2506	Phi'phia & N Y
24	Windenfels	3657	Boston & N Y
25	John Davie (ship)	972	Mauritius
25	Palermo	4830	London
25	Pindari	3096	Antwerp

MADRAS.

ARRIVALS.

Jan.	Vessel.	From
22	Ellora	Calcutta
23	Wardha	Calcutta
24	Binara	Rangoon
25	Itinda	Calcutta
25	Nerbuda	Bombay
25	Bhundara	Bombay

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The P and O Co's steamer Malta is due to arrive in Bombay from China at 5 p m, on Sunday next.

DAILY EXPORTS.—JANUARY 27.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

Den of Airlie s—2000 cwts bonemeal E C Nanjee.
Britannia s—200 bales cotton fly Nensey Peerbhoy.

FOR LONDON.

Egypt s—7 bales hides R M Kooka ; 20 casks Indian condiments M Poonjiajee and Sons ; 24 cases bees wax J M Rehimtoola ; 465 cwts olibanum and 31 cwts fishmaws A Chagla and Co ; 16 casks chutney F Nowrojee.
Clan Leslie s—900 cwts wheat and 4017 cwts rapeseed Ralli Bros ; 3 cases mother of pearl shells 2 cases bees wax Ebrahim Pessaya.
Ben Lamond s—390 cwts dillseed A Blascheck and Co,

FOR HULL.

Springwell s—4000 cwts wheat Sanday and Co,

FOR HAVRE.

Den of Airlie s—620 bales cotton Prier de Saone and Co,

FOR BOSTON.

Egypt s—2 bales woollen carpets Finlay Muir and Co,

FOR ANTWERP.

Belomond s—5805 cwts rapeseed and 2090 cwts wheat N Khairaz and Co; 2001 cwts gingellyseed J Fachiri ; 50 bales hemp The Bombay General Trading Co 478 bales and 25 bales cotton waste Khimjee Visram and Co ; 4998 cwts teelseed and 1000 cwts poppyseed Ralli Bros ; 6000 cwts wheat M C Malchildi and Co.
Clan Macleod s—3000 cwts gingellyseed and 2090 cwts poppyseed Volkart Bros.
Maroa s—4000 cwts bone R Karderbhoy 2090 cwts gingellyseed Ernst Lam and Co.

FOR DUNKIRK.

Beethoven s—4500 cwts poppyseed Ralli Bros,
Roker s—6000 cwts poppyseed Ralli Bros.

FOR SHARPNESS.

Perseveranza s—3616 cwts cottonseed Ralli Bros.

FOR HAMBURG.

Ethelhilda s—974 cwts castorseed Ralli Bros ; 6000 cwts castorseed David Sassoon and Co,
Ehrenfels s—171 bales cottonfly J C Tadiwalla ; 2 bales cotton Ralli Bros ; 889 cwts myrabollams 200 cwts fenneleeed H Anandrao and Co

FOR MARSEILLES

Britannia s—6600 cwts gingellyseed 989 cwts linseed John Fachiri

FOR GENOA.

Kt of the Thistle s—300 bales cotton 8035 cwts linseed 17494 cwts teelsee Ralli Bros

FOR TRIESTE.

Imperator s—2897 bales cotton Ralli Bros ; 65 cwt real pearls M J Joomabhoy and Co
Istria s—1665 bales cotton Volkart Bros, 550 bales cotton Glade and Co ; 700 cwts myrabollams W Becher 113 bales cotton A Blascheck and Co ; 220 bales cotton Gaddum and Co ; 330 bales cotton E Spinner and Co ; 330 bales cotton G Tejpal and Co

FOR VENICE.

Istria s—959 bales cotton and 1000 cwts castorseed Ralli Bros ; 390 bales cotton Gaddum and Co ; 1900 bales cotton Volkart Bros.

FOR FIUME.

Imperator s—112 bales cotton Ralli Bros ; 220 bales cotton Volkart Bros.

FOR PORT SAID.

Perseveranza s—4103 cwts wheat Ralli Bros

FOR CONSTANTINOPLE.

Imperator s—108 bales cotton Ralli Bros

G. I. P. RAILWAY.

The following is the comparative statement of traffic earnings for the week ending 14th January 1905.

	Coaching Traffic.	Goods Traffic.	Sundry Receipts.	Total for the week.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Approximate earnings for week ending 14th Jan 1905— G I P R system...	2,11,004	8,27,432	3,656	10,42,092
I M R do ...	75,915	1,50,424	528	2,25,867
Total.....	2,86,019	9,77,856	4,184	12,68,059
Actuals for corresponding week ending 15th Jan. 1904— G I P R system...	[illegible]	7,24,648	[illegible]	[illegible]
I M R do ...	[illegible]	1,53,034	[illegible]	[illegible]
Total.....	[illegible]	[illegible]	4,134	[illegible]
Increase or Decrease... { G I P R / I M R	+ [illegible] + [illegible]	[illegible]	+ [illegible]	[illegible]

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THE CHURCH IN MADRAS.

THE record of ecclesiastical action in the Presidency of Madras during the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, compiled by the Reverend Frank Penny, under the title of "The Church in Madras" (Smith, Elder and Co.), is a book of considerable interest. It goes back to the pioneer work of the early Missionaries and of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge under the East India Company, refers appreciatively to the German agents who laboriously compiled Tamil grammars and dictionaries, translating tracts and books into Tamil, Portuguese and Persian. Even in this field the careful and philological studies of the German graduates of Halle University supplemented the fervent though less learned efforts of the English Chaplains to attain missionary ends. The East India Company, essentially a trading combine, were nevertheless, as Mr. Penny observes, a God-fearing set of men, and as their records show, encouraged missionary work, holding the balance even between the different bodies as long as all acknowledged the Company Bahadur's authority. The year 1607 was apparently the date of the appointment of the first Chaplain to one of the Company's ships, selected probably from among the poverty-stricken preachers to whom it was in the habit of giving charitable grants, and thenceforth preachers were tried, appointed and paid. The trial was a sermon delivered before the Company on a text chosen by them. The Chaplains were paid £50 for the voyage, besides a gratuity of £15 for the expenses of the journey. As in those days three to four years was, as often as not, the duration of a voyage, the ship calling at ports going and coming, the stipend cannot be considered a high one. The selections made varied. Some were good, some bad, as the reports sent home show. They lived but a short time in India, returning or dying off with a rapidity that spoke little for the climate or their constitutions. The applications for Chaplains from India were often most earnestly expressed. Sir Thomas Roe wrote :—"Here I cannot live the life of an atheist ; let me desire you to endeavour my supply, for I will not abide in this place destitute of the comfort of God's word and heavenly sacraments." The man who was sent in response to this letter lived five years in India ; he had an adaptable character, and possibly equally manageable liver, for he returned to England, and later we find that he, Vicar of Bray-like, "submitted to the men that bore sway in the time of the Rebellion, so that he retained his rectory until his death in 1660." But his influence was felt, as the verdict on a letter of his to the Court, that it was "comfortably and divinely written," shows. The same cannot be said of another who was referred to as a "carnal minister," who formed with the Company's "critical agent" and their "infernal physician" a "triple conspiracy against merchantly carriage." At the time of the alliance with the Dutch, another chaplain, Patrick Copeland, tried to put an end to the quarrelling between the Dutch and the English, preaching vehemently against it, but his efforts were unpopular, as he was lamed for "taking the heart out of the mariners," and though the Directors recognised his good intentions, they did not employ him again. Counsels of perfection are difficult to follow when national jealousies are at work, and the preacher of Christian forbearance had in those robust times an invidious task.

When the King returned to his own after the reign of the Commonwealth there was a hiatus in the appointment of chaplains, and it was found difficult to resume the practice, few clergymen presenting themselves for the posts. Application was made to Oxford and Cambridge for men capable of carrying on the care of the souls in the Company's service, and the emoluments connected therewith were duly set out, but five years passed without result and no chaplain was appointed during that time. Richard Baxter made the ingenious suggestion that an explanation of the principles of the Christian religion drawn up at Oxford should be translated into Arabic and dispersed among the people of India since chaplains were difficult to acquire. The Directors, however, were obliged to be prudent and did not sanction this measure. There were too many opposing interests concerned to render such a course wise. In 1661 the first attempt to form a library in Fort St. George was made when Whitefield was minister and on his initiative. A bale of calico was bought with money subscribed by the merchants and sent home to be sold by the Governor of the Company, the value then to be invested in books, a list of those desired being sent home too. The calico sold for £85 and of this a sum of £58 was devoted to the purchase of the books, the balance being handed to the Minister. Presentation of books from time to time followed. By 1677 Bibles and Catechisms were in request. The children were "catechised" every Sunday afternoon, the work being sweetened to them by the present of "two pagodas" when they could repeat the catechism correctly, and nine boys earned this douceur on one day in 1763, and sixteen on another Sunday in the next year. In the same year Shaw Raza, one of the principal ministers of the King of Golconda, had a great curiosity "to see the manner of our religion and worship," and he attended the Service and listened to the sermon. The King followed suit the following Sunday, attending service in state, surprised that women could read, for he noted them using books. He went over to the Dutch Factory immediately after, and impartially joined in the prayers there, after which, in the self-same place, the King was entertained by the Dutch "with music and dancing wenches belonging to their Chief's lady" probably out of consideration for his unregenerate nature. The Company did not neglect their slaves, but directed that they should be taught, and after three years' service as Christians should be set free. At the same time they practised a policy of toleration towards other religions, ordering the teaching of their own, but forbidding persecution or disturbance of those of "different apprehensions of any other nature." However, [illegible] hostility with the Portuguese and French Padrés" [was looked on as "a great snare to our factors and servants," a thing to be avoided, and a subject for ardent warnings.

The Company had not yet built church or chapel in any of the factories, though divine service was held daily in a room set apart for this purpose. In 1680 the Church of St. Mary was erected in Madras during the Presidency of Streynsham Master and was the first English church built in India. Bombay determined thereafter to build one in their Fort, the Company helping by means of a resolution "that such gentlewomen as shall be permitted to go for India be obliged to pay £10 apeece on the day of their respective marriages towards the finishing of the church now building in Bombay." Twenty years later it was Calcutta's turn and the Company came down more handsomely for this than for Bombay, gave the site and £2,000, besides a bell. Madras had not had any assistance from the East India Company. We know of old, the story of the delay in building the Bombay Cathedral ; it may or may not be true that Sir John Child converted the £5,000 collected for it to his own use, but twenty years elapsed before it was built. The Roman Catholic and the Dutch communities had Churches in India long before any of those of the National Church of England were erected. Organs followed the completion of the Presidency Churches, and then hospitals were taken in hand as charitable institutions, prayer-books were translated into Portuguese as being more germane to the people of Madras than Arabic, Church-wardens were selected, pews were erected, directions being given as to the placing of people in the Churches, "where best it may be to their content, having due regard to their qualities," and this selection was, as may be imagined, a difficult and a delicate proceeding. The Revd. Frank Penny tells many details of all the different Missions that started work in Madras, their growth and fortunes ; he impartially surveys the results of their labours, and has produced a volume of historical value that forms a welcome accompaniment to those containing the Letters of the East India Company, which give so picturesque a record of a brilliant past. We see in this book the astonishing development from small beginnings of the whole ecclesiastical fabric of the Established Church in Madras and not a little of its work throughout India, for Mr. Penny has not shut out the labours of the Church in other Presidencies when it was connected with that in his own, or illustrated any special phase of growth. The manner of life generally and the process of evolution of the huge system that now administers the Indian Empire has sidelights thrown on them which those interested in India will appreciate.

MUNICIPAL MURMURINGS.

MUNICIPAL Councillors with an unslaked thirst for information have recently caused some interesting queries to be put to Counsel by the Bombay Corporation. Like most pieces of legislation, the City of Bombay Municipal Act is almost as important a measure in regard to its omissions as it is in relation to its provisions. Members of the Corporation burning with zeal for the efficient discharge of their duties, or, it may be, anxious to put an edge on a tomahawk, have been painfully surprised to discover that as individuals they possess really no greater rights than the rate-payers who send them to the Council Chamber. "Elected persons" invariably develop extraordinary effrontery, and it appears that some members of the Corporation have suffered in their dignity by a refusal to permit proceedings which are not authorised by the Act. Every member of the Corporation has the right to be allowed to see the Corporation's minute-book at all reasonable times, and it is his privilege to have it opened to him without charge. Everybody else has to pay eight annas, so there is some advantage in being a Councillor. But the minute-book does not yield sufficient fun or ammunition for attacking purposes, and certain members seem to have been clamouring to see confidential documents and records more especially relating to the proceedings of Committees. The executive officials, in the present condition of the Act, have very properly refused to permit anything of the kind. The question of the rights of Councillors in this matter has in consequence been submitted by the Corporation for the opinion of Counsel. Messrs. Scott and Inverarity express the view that individual members of the Corporation have no independent right to see or ask for the records or documents mentioned. Sections 65 and 66 of the Act give the Corporation as a body the right to call for reports, returns, and documents, but even that right is limited by a very important proviso which enables the Commissioner to defer compliance with the request in consideration of the public interests. As Counsel point out, if the Corporation's right to production and inspection of documents is limited, an individual member cannot be in a better position. The question is not a new one. It was raised before the passing of the present Act and it was apparently in deference to the views then expressed that the provisions declaring the rights of the Corporation in the matter were inserted. But what, both by principle and enactment, is the right or privilege of a corporate body cannot equally be claimed as by individual members acting independently. There are very obvious reasons in the public interests why no individual should be enabled to go privately to officials and demand as a right information upon which important decisions may have to be subsequently taken by the Corporation. This is especially the case in regard to the proceedings of committees, whose recommendations numbers of people are always striving to anticipate. The procedure of these Committees has also been a subject for the consideration of Counsel, who have expressed the opinion that a special committee cannot prevent by a majority of votes the dissenting minute or minutes of one or more of its members from being published with its report and circulated to the councillors. The question here indicated has arisen in consequence of the action of a committee in reference to the views of a member regarding a recent appointment. The committee was apparently fearful of an action for defamation, and acting under advice, merely indicated the views of the dissenting member in a brief summary of the minute. Messrs. Scott and Inverarity express the more reasonable view that the dissenting minority of a committee appointed by the Corporation is entitled to have its report placed before that body in its own language to enable the Corporation to judge between the two views. It is added for the information of the Corporation that any defamatory matter in such reports is protected by privilege in the absence of express malice or excess of publication. But it is to be hoped that this will not be taken by garrulous members as a license to swell the printers' bill which the rate-payers have to meet.

THE PROPERTIES OF RADIUM.

To the growing number of books on the properties of Radium has recently been added one by the Hon. R. J. Strutt, entitled "The Becquerel Rays and the Properties of Radium," which in view of the remarkable scientific interest excited by the properties of radium and its cognate elements should be well received. The object of the book is to make intelligible to the average educated man the significance of the results of very abstruse physical inquiries. Radium is continually giving off material particles carrying electrical charges and propelled with an enormous velocity. In doing so it becomes something other than radium, and as this process continues heedless of the influence of any known alteration in surrounding physical conditions, it is estimated that in about a thousand years half the radium in existence would have changed into something else. We are confronted with the wonderful vision of the birth and death of an element like life itself, coming for a brief spell into our ken and again disappearing, and yet, like life, again, always [illegible] new creation. And this death, and almost certainly this birth, are the continual occasion of the release of energy in amount enormous compared with the total mass of matter concerned, an amount so great that it has been seriously invoked to account for the continued warmth of the earth and even for the apparently unchanging furnace heat of the sun, for it is into heat that all energy of motion becomes finally translated before its dissipation. Radium, it is interesting to note, has never been found except in association with uranium. It bears a small constant proportion to the quantity of the uranium in the minerals which contain it, and uranium has a still heavier atom and is itself radioactive. The probability is that radium is a product of the slow change of uranium, which this radioactivity betokens—in fact that radium is the "something else" into which uranium changes. Uranium may be a true primitive element, for its rate of change is enormously slower than that of radium, or it may be the product of something which has entirely disappeared—an element which the world has outgrown, as it would soon outgrow radium if the uranium were to be used up. This and much other valuable information on one of the most interesting studies of the age may be gleaned from a perusal of Mr. Strutt's book.

THE work of the Seistan Boundary Commission as regards the demarcation of the Perso-Afghan frontier, has been completed. Some further survey operations alone remain to be done before Colonel MacMahon and his party return to Quetta.

THE statement of traffic of the Ahmedabad-Dholka Railway for the week ending 10th December amounted to Rs. 2,271, being an increase on the corresponding week of last year of Rs. 696. Total earnings from 1st July to 10th December were Rs. 40,502, being an increase on the corresponding period of last year of Rs. 6,345.

THE statement of traffic of the Tapti-Valley Railway for the week ending 10th December amounted to Rs. 14,395, being a decrease on the corresponding week of last year of Rs. 3,682. Total earnings from 1st July to 10th December were Rs. 2,03,726, being a decrease on the corresponding period of last year of Rs. 56,733.

THE statement of traffic of the Ahmedabad-Prantej Railway for the week ending 10th December amounted to Rs. 3,982, being an increase on the corresponding week of last year of Rs. 1,059. Total earnings from 1st July to 10th December were Rs. 63,443, being an increase on the corresponding period of last year of Rs. 5,216.

THE furniture of the King of Siam's Dusit Park Palace, Bangkok, for which Messrs. Maple and Co. have received the order, will, for the most part, be of typically English design. Of the principal apartments the dining-room is of rich mahogany, the council chamber in fumed oak and brown morocco, the breakfast-room in oak, his Majesty's smoking-room in walnut and gold, with blue morocco, the private sitting-room in rich inlaid satinwood in the Sheraton style, and the bedroom in white and powdered gilt. The drawing-room is carried out in walnut and gold, while the curtains throughout are of richest silks and tapestries, and the carpets are all Axminster pile specially woven in one piece.

THE Indian Postal authorities will shortly introduce an improved kind of embossed envelope to replace the square pattern which has never been very popular owing to the extra sum charged to cover the cost of the paper. The old stock bearing the Queen's head has practically been used up, and the time is opportune for a new issue. The small half-anna envelope, which is sold for the face-value, is more than ever in demand and competes with the postcard among the mass of the people. Among other postal reforms now in contemplation is a reduction in the registration fee on letters from two annas to one anna. This would be greatly appreciated and would be hailed as another proof of the up-to-date policy of the Post Office in India.

TELEGRAMS to the Australian papers, dated January 15th, state :—The following is the finally selected team to represent Australia in England this year.—Noble, Trumper, Duff, Kelly, Hopkins, Gregory, Howell, Cotter, Hill, Gehrs, Newland, Darling, Armstrong and McLeod, Manager, Mr. Laver.

FRANCE has promised to consider in very friendly spirit Egypt's circular to the Powers asking for the recognition of English as a judicial language similar to French and Italian.

MR. BALFOUR, replying to a letter from the Associated Chambers of Commerce, promised carefully to consider what steps can be taken to secure the abolition of foreign shipping bounties, or, as an alternative, what measures can be devised to counteract their effect.

THE "Morning Post's" correspondent in Berlin reveals an audacious war scare, promulgated, he states, with a view to securing an augmentation of the German Navy. Great Britain is represented as threatening to attack Germany if the latter's Navy is increased. According to the correspondent, the Kaiser mobilised the German fleet at Kiel and only King Edward's personal efforts averted war. The correspondent adds that several of the Kaiser's closest advisers encouraged the scare, which has now subsided but the navy remains mobilized. Reuters's correspondent in Berlin says that few are aware of the real circumstances which gave rise to the official war scare in Germany. He declares that the scare dated back to the redistribution of the British Navy in November, which was interpreted in Germany as almost tantamount to an unfriendly act. The Kaiser, it is stated, made diplomatic inquiries at the time and received reassuring explanations. There is reason to believe, adds Reuter's correspondent, that Anglo-German official relations are most satisfactory.

THE woman-hater need not despair. In the heart of Asia, where Russia and China meet, is to be found a city made for such as he. It is easily to be reached by the Trans-Siberian Railway. It lies to the south of Lake Baikal. Its name is Maimatchin, and it is exclusively inhabited by men. By an ancient law women are forbidden to enter it. It is a military post of some importance, and carries on a considerable trade. They seem to have solved the problem of keeping the women out. One wonders if they have any difficulty about keeping the men in.

A COPY of the "Novy Krai," the journal which chronicled the life of the besieged in Port Arthur during the past year, has, says the "Sheffield Telegraph," been secured by the Society of Arts, and has been framed and placed in the hall of the society's headquarters in the Adelphi. The date of the issue is August 6. In size the "Novy Krai" compares with a single sheet of "The Times," and it is printed on paper of a deep red colour—a suitable background, it will be allowed, for news of such a glory description as it contains.

A MOTORIST with experience, and a sense of humour, has applied for admission to the North-East Lancashire Automobile Club, at Blackburn, in these terms :—Although I am scarcely a motorist in the strictest sense, I have run my car at top speed down hill, up a roadside bank to the top of a hedge, then collapsed gracefully into the middle of the road, with the engine still running, and the steering wheel stuck fast in my waistcoat. I am afraid my motor has not run very well since, but I have paid plenty of repairers' accounts of extraordinary magnitude. If the above will give the requisite qualification, you may enrol me a member of your association. He has been admitted.

SOME of the eight hundred convicts who assembled in the Protestant chapel at Dartmoor prison on Christmas Day must have suspected a touch of irony in the arrangement of their morning service. Burglars, thieves, and other malefactors joined heartily in the singing of "Christians, awake ! salute the happy morn," and the effect of a great congregation of men's voices was remarkable. But the feature of the service was the opening and dedication of a new organ which has just been erected. The organist, perhaps with a sly effort at making the punishment fit the crime, selected the Bridal Procession from Wagner's "Lohengrin," as an overture likely to be appreciated by nearly a thousand compulsory celibates !

WE have frequently been given to understand that no man is mad unless he believes himself to be sane. However, a certain Paris police commissary has just had a very forcible proof to the contrary. A day or two since a labourer walked into his office, desiring to see him on urgent business. His request was "Monsieur the Commissary, I am a lunatic ; be so good as to send me to Charenton." The commissary politely pointed out that his visitor had not the appearance of a lunatic, suggested that his brain was a little excited—quite pardonable so soon after Christmas,—and that he should go home and go to bed. "You don't believe me when I tell you I am mad ?" "I am quite sure you are not." "Then I must convince you that you are wrong." Thereupon he seized hold of papers, pens, inkpots, and everything that was on the commissary's desk, flung them at their owner's head, and then commenced systematically attacking everything in the room, howling at the same time like a wild beast. After this the commissary could refute his belief no longer, and the madman was [illegible] to the special police infirmary, "en route" for Charenton.

BYRON AFTER A CENTURY.

A TALK WITH MR. MURRAY.

"THERE is to be no final Life of Byron as you call it, so long as I can prevent it."

The speaker was John Murray the Third; the place, his drawing-room at 50, Albemarle-street. A remark of this kind might rank in the ordinary way as an expression of business policy, or merely a personal view. But decisions seem almost Draconic when pronounced amid solemn surroundings and this was truly a temple of solemnity—the room where Byron first met Scott. The story of their encounter has often been told, for it was memorable in the lives of both and has passed into literary history. In all probability they were the two most eminent men and the most diverse, who ever limped across a carpet to take each other by the hand. The episode was one of the turning-points in the chequered life of the younger man for he came under the spell of the enchanter never to re-emerge. In the book-case yonder is his retractation of English Bards and Scotch Reviewers, showing how the author of "Waverley" had touched him into a recollection of their common nationality. But let us deal first with the occasion and our host and his treasures afterwards.

We were discussing Mr. Morley's remark in his recent speech at Plumstead, that if he were a librarian and were asked on which poet a reader might best begin he would elect for Byron. He was not the greatest of poets, Mr. Morley argued but he had daring, energy, and the historic sense, with a loathing for cant in all its forms. The historic sense is a double obligation, and rests on the reader as well as the author, so it is high time that Byron were beginning to be judged according to the light of what little history the average reader's mind retains. Perhaps writes J. P. C. in the "Pall Mall Gazette" the orator would have done more general service by continuing his old advocacy of Burke, although he might justify this little excursion into poetry on the ground that Dr. Primrose took when he confessed that he was tired of always being wise. At any rate, this avowed preference for Byron does Mr. Morely honour, and it might easily be advanced as a sign of the times. We begin to think, with Dr. Pangloss in George Colman's play, that we have reached the right reading at last. Like Time himself, the author of "Childe Harold" is having his revenges. The man who flouted English society as no one had ever done before and turned its obsequious adulation into furious abuse, has risen at last supreme above it all. Disraeli has since exceeded his example in making dandyism a stepping-stone to fame, but it is very doubtful if the pupil will wear as well a century hence as Byron is doing now. The antithetic treatment of Macaulay has left him unimpaired, and that protocrat of the break-fast-table is beginning to show signs of wear and tear on his own account. Mathew Arnold reminded us that Jhonny Keats was the greater artist, if not the greater poet; but we may waive Byron's claims in that direction, and he still remains a force to recken with in European history of the past-Revolutionary period.

He fought, like Heine, in the wars of liberation, and his name rings even now from Belgium to the Ægean archipelago, exacting homage in regions that never heard of Burns or Shelley. You may credit him, not undeservedly, with the fire of Pope and the intolerance of Swift, the invective of "Junius" and the independent spirit of Burke or Falkland, the travel-instinct we are so fond of beliving to be a modern virtue, and the dictatorial arrogance of Boswell's Gamaliel. But you may string attributes and comparisons together "ad libitum", and still come short of the essence and the vivid personality that were Byron's. All other souls, said M. Taine, seem in comparison with him to be inert; and Mr. Swinburne came rather nearer when he extolled Byron for the excellence of sincerity and strength. Goethe and Napoleon were the only men of his day who could be said to eclipse him ; and Goethe spoke of him as possessing eminence such as has never been yet, and is not likely to come again. That strain of eulogy has not been sustained among Byron's countrymen, but it looks like settling at last into a level fame of permanence as well as brilliance, high above the sneers of the formalist and the unco' guid. Yet in the chorus of Byron's praise, there is still something of novelty in finding his claims advanced by the master-critic and the arch-apostle of a rational democracy. It had been less surprising if Mr. Morley had spoken for Coleridge, or the healing power of Wordsworth ; but the Inquiring Spirit is too much abroad as it is, and the gentle Excursionist is becoming more and more the special fetish and monopoly of Mr. William Watson. To have chosen Byron, in any case, shows that whatever he may do in politics, Mr Morley does not allow the Nonconformist conscience to sway his tastes in literature; and this is another proof of our old contention that Mr. Morley, the critic, is immeasurably greater than Mr. Morley, the politician. But we are keeping Mr. Murray waiting.

In the course of conversation Mr. Murray seemed to think it would be worth the while of some devoted Byron-lover to trace the poet's fame and its development with a view to showing how steadily it has grown and established itself in England as well as in Germany and France. I often wish I had kept some record, he said, of the many communications I have had, and the many inquiries that are addressed to me, all concerning Byron, and especially from America. The world is evidently waking up to the fact of Byron's indisputable eminence not only in poetry and satire, but as a marvellous letter-writer and a finished man of the world. Then the conversation dwelt for a time on the proneness of mankind to accept a man in only one aspect, to put a metaphoric label on him, and shower abuse [illegible] him whenever he dares to change it. Byron's [illegible] as it happens, has been all of one colour [illegible] hue is Satanic in its depth. There h[illegible] much nonsense talked about the poet [illegible] urray and I will be no party to lendi[illegible] and my collection to anything that ten[illegible] and perpetuate that kind of thing. [illegible] public can reasonably ask about him i[illegible] in the last authorised edition and a gl[illegible] of Byron's manuscripts will show wha[illegible] amount of work Mr. Prothero and Mr. Coleridge have had in collating them f[illegible] variorum notes.

Close by Mr. Murray's table in the same [illegible] is Byron's screen a three-fold affair of five feet [illegible] which is covered on one side with engraved portraits of his favourite actors while the other side is crowded with the portraits of his heroes in the boxing ring. They jostle each other in strange confusion, these forgotten Anakim of a century ago; but that is not the poet's fault, for close against each worthy is pasted a snippet of text from the foot of each engraving so as to give each his record of prowess in this strange Valhalla. He seems to have had a larger heart for the gloves than the buskin, for there are about as many and half representing the ring. Passing to the corner of the room, we are in front of a row of lofty cases, latticed-windowed and carefully locked containing the now famous Murray collection of Byroniana and many rarities besides. Ponderous and leather-bound folios are in the coign of honour—the editio princeps of St. Augustine's De Civitate Dei and a stately old folio Homer—the pair of them standing well out from the rest like cantors in a many-stalled cathedral. As for my lord the poet, he stands in a sort of chapter-house to the left, very imposing in a motley of vellums and crushed moroccos, resplendent with a sprinkling of gold ornament, and dazzling as his Haidee in the second canto of "Don Juan." If the author had been his own literary executor he could hardly have put his writings in a more sumptuous vesture. This display of the binder's art is in keeping with the many famous pictures on the walls—a stately Hallam, a half-length of Lockhart of the eagle eyes, one of the best-known originals of Sir Walter, and several of the familiar presentments of Byron himself. There are the two by Phillips—one painted in 1814, the other one in Albanian costume. In the room adjoining is the crayon sketch by Harlow, done in Venice, and the last portrait of the poet done in life. It shows him relapsing into the fleshiness he had kept at bay for so many years with a diet of green tea and tobacco. He looks like the Prince Regent plus a measure of intelligence. Resting on a table opposite is a very different object—Scott's writing-desk ; a plain, fold-up, box-shaped contrivance of some wood that time and care have polished to a ripe and seasoned tint, like the brown shadows in a Rembrandt. Scott had the same fondness as his friend for the things that make the interior of a house imposing ; but this plain companion of his working hours is a better index of his character than the relics at Abbotsford. Scott's signature is the one that opens the album lying alongside, and it bears the same noble simplicity in its strict parallels and its freedom from anything in the nature of a flourish.

The bookcase now claims attention. Here is a shelf of Byron's manuscripts and proof-sheets bound in separate covers.

But of all these hoarded treasures, "The Corsair" is the one that best reveals how inconsiderate Byron was to his publisher and printer, and the editors that were to trace his vagaries after a lapse of eighty years. There were eleven editions of the poem in his life-time and on every fresh occasion he riddled it with erasures, substitutions, and additions, until he had increased the number of lines from 1744 to 1963 or thereabouts. Each set of sheets is bound in a thin volume of crimson calf, and in a row they all make witness to the immanence of his "litera scripta," even when writing had become print, and illustrate [illegible]. Looking at all this laboured emendation, one thinks of Lamb's disillusion when he set eyes on the manuscript of "Lycidas," and had to take leave of a long-cherished fancy that the poem had come to birth, like Pallas Athene, full-grown [illegible]

RUSSIA'S REVOLT.

MUSCOVITE CALUMNIES.

FIVE THOUSAND ARRESTS.

REFORMERS SENT TO SIBERIA.

RIOTS AT RIGA.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, JAN. 26.

The Police at Moscow yesterday posted notices alleging that the strike movement was due to Anglo-Japanese intrigues, and that the strikers were supported by British money.

Sir Charles Hardinge, the British Ambassador, has protested to the Russian Government that this was a calumny, and has received assurances that measures will be taken to prevent a repetition of its publication.

The British Embassy at St. Petersburg is now guarded by sentries.

A similar notice to the Moscow one was posted at Odessa to-day.

St. Petersburg is resuming its normal aspect. The shops are re-opening and some of the troops are withdrawing, and there is a partial resumption of work.

The Government is confident that the movement is checked, though resolved to continue repressive measures.

A demonstration took place at Helsingfors yesterday evening, when the Police attacked 5,000 workmen with swords and whips.

There were a few casualties.

LONDON, JAN. 27.

A "Daily Chronicle" message from St. Petersburg says that 5,000 men were arrested on Wednesday evening, including one hundred lawyers, who are now on route for Siberia.

Thirty strikers were killed and wounded in the encounter with troops at Riga.

The Sub-Chief of Police and two soldiers were killed.

Minor disorders have taken place in other large towns.

The Councils of the Civil Engineering, Polytechnic and Mining Institutes at St. Petersburg have sent to the Ministries to which they are subordinate resolutions denouncing the butchery that took place at St. Petersburg on the 22nd instant and refusing to continue their courses.

The University Senate has suspended the re-opening on the 28th February.

CHINA AND THE WAR.

The Neutrality Question.

PROPOSED REFERENCE TO THE POWERS.

A despatch from Washington states that Mr. Secretary Hay has suggested to Russia the submission of the question regarding the violation of Chinese neutrality to a Conference of the Powers.

THE LIEUT.-GOVERNOR OF BURMA.

Sir H. White Appointed.

Sir Herbert White has been appointed Lieutenant-Governor of Burma.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JAN. 27.

It is announced that His Majesty the King-Emperor has approved the appointment of the Hon'ble Sir Herbert Thirkell White, K.C.I.E., Chief Judge of the Chief Court of Lower Burma, to be Lieutenant-Governor of Burma in succession to his Honour Sir H. S. Barnes.

CONVALESCENT HOME FOR OFFICERS.

An Army Order is published in which Lord [illegible]ener brings to the notice of all officers serving [illegible] the great benefits to be derived from the [illegible]escent Home for officers of the Army and [illegible] which has recently, by command of His [illegible]y the King, been established at Osborn House, [illegible] of Wight, and which forms part of a generous [illegible] made by His Majesty to the nation at his [illegible]nation. The House is available for convalescent officers of both British and Indian services, admission being obtained on the certificate of the Principal Medical Officer of the Division in India, or of the Medical Board at Home. Accommodation is available for thirty-eight single and five married officers with their wives, the amount payable being only half a crown per head daily.

THE PLAGUE IN INDIA.

The number of plague deaths in India last week rose to the enormous total of 28,164, of which 12,435 were in the United Provinces, 5,606 in the Punjab, 8,808 in Bengal, 2,952 in the Bombay Presidency and 985 in Rajputana. The totals reported elsewhere are as follows:—Hyderabad State 57, Madras Presidency 6 9, Bombay City 261, Karachi 43, Calcutta 64, the Central Provinces and Berar 498, Mysore State 293, and Central India 53.

PAPER-CHASE AT CALCUTTA.

The Paper-Chase here to-day was won from a large field by Mr. Ever, Mr. Pugh being second and Captain Rennie third. Mr. Pugh and Captain Rennie have now been placed in every chase, the latter leading by one point for the average cup. In the Pony-Chase afterwards Miss Pugh was first, Miss Evers second and Mrs Walker third.

EARTHNUT CROP.

The official memorandum upon the earthnut crop of the current season to-day issued estimates the yield at 43,036 tons for Bombay, against 94,419 tons last year, and 69 per cent. of the normal crop for Madras, against 79 per cent. last year.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

On vacating his appointment as Deputy Assistant Adjutant-General of Instruction, Major Ewbank, R. E., becomes Commanding Royal Engineer, Hazara Sub-Division.

The Imperial Service Troops are now being re-armed with Lee-Enfield rifles.

Lieutenant-Colonel Russell, R. E., succeeds to the command of the 3rd Sappers and Miners on its vacation by Colonel Onslow next month.

Surgeon-General Sir Thomas Gallwey, P. M. O. in India, is coming out in the Macedonia and is expected in Calcutta about the 5th February.

The following British Cavalry Reliefs in 1905-1906 have been sanctioned:—4th Hussars from Meerut to South Africa; 17th Lancers from England to Meerut.

It is understood that with regard to the question of the rank of military officers in civil employment, it is proposed that military promotion should cease when they have finally passed into such employment. It will not, of course, be necessary to cancel their original Commissions.

WAR RENEWED.

BIG BATTLE IN PROGRESS.

RUSSIAN TROOPS RELUCTANT.

KUROPATKIN COMPLAINS.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, JAN. 27.

Reuter's correspondent with General Kuroki's Army wires on the 26th instant that heavy and continuous artillery fire has been going on to the westward all day and apparently an important engagement is proceeding.

It is stated that a Russian force has crossed the Hunho river on the Japanese left, and that the Japanese are now attacking it.

The "Daily Telegraph's" correspondent at St. Petersburg states that General Kuropatkin has telegraphed to the Tsar that his offensive power is seriously hampered by the reluctance of the European Regiments to advance against the enemy, arguing that now Port Arthur has fallen the war is objectless.

GAZETTE OF INDIA NOTIFICATIONS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JAN. 27.

HOME DEPARTMENT.

The admission to the civil division of the Indian Order of Merit is notified of Sepoy Haidar Khan, 93rd Burma Infantry, for conspicuous bravery displayed by him at Thayetmyo on the evening of 30th June 1904, in arresting, when himself unarmed, a drunken man armed with a dah with which he had already wounded a police officer who attempted to disarm him.

Captain A. Miller, I. M. S., is re-posted to the Madras Presidency.

Constantinople notifies that quarantine against Basra is suppressed for ordinary ships and reduced to five days for pilgrim ships.

Lieutenant A. W. Greig, I. M. S., is posted temporarily to the Burma Jail Department.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

Mr. Cornwall, Postmaster-General, United Provinces, has been granted three months' leave. Mr. Owens, Presidency Postmaster, Calcutta, to officiate, and Mr. P. J. Gorman to act for Mr. Owens.

Mr. S. S. Cooper is gazetted Assistant Controller of Printing and Stationery.

Mr. L. F. Morshead, C. S., is placed on special duty in the Finance Department.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Surgeon-General W. R. Browne, I. M. S., Madras, and Lieutenant-Colonel C. P. Lukes, I. M. S., Bengal, are gazetted Honorary Surgeons to the Viceroy.

Sub-Condr. J. Bakewell, Transport Corps, is transferred to the Pension Establishment.

The promotions are gazetted of Lieut.-Colonel Baillie, 122nd Rajputana Infantry, to Colonel; Majors Yate, 25th Cavalry, Kerrich, 28th Cavalry, Thompson, 31st Duke of Connaught's Own Lancers, Chenevix-Trench, Supernumerary List, and Rideout, Supply and Transport, to be Lieutenant-Colonels; Captain McCrea, 37th Dogras, to be Major; and Lieutenants St. John, Peart, Norman, Chenevix-Trench, Barston, Wigram, Orr, Marsh, Woodhouse, Bingham, Macpherson, Barlow, Scott, Cassells, Wheatly, Rouse, Niven, Lyons, Morton, Newcome, Ferrar, Ridgeway, Becher, Bridges, Pocock, Simpson, Coke and Hughes to be Captains.

Major J. H. B. Eckford, Indian Army, is permitted to retire with effect from the 1st March next.

The Volunteer Officers' Decoration is conferred upon Honorary Major English, Bombay Volunteer Rifles, Lieutenant Broch, Southern Mahratta Railway Rifles, and Major Good, Eastern Bengal Volunteer Rifles.

The amalgamation is notified of the Bera Volunteer Rifles with the Nagpur Volunteer Rifles.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

Mr. E. H. Marsden is gazetted Sub-Lieutenant.

THE GONDAL MARRIAGE FESTIVITIES.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

GONDAL, JAN. 25.

Yesterday the "Mameroo" presentation took place. The relations of the bridegroom on the maternal side presented valuable clothes and jewellery to the Rani Saheb and members of the Royal family. The "Mameroos" were many and costly.

In the evening the Fuleka (procession) presented to the bridegroom by H. H. the Gaekwar issued from the Nanulaka Palace at 9 o'clock. It was witnessed by His Highness the Gaekwar, Mr. R. C. Dutt, C.I.E., Mrs. and Miss Raimes, Miss Dough, the Thakore Sahebs of Rajkote and Chuda, the Sheikh Saheb of Mangrol and the members of the Gondal Royal family. The Fulekas take different routes every day. Last night's Fuleka was a great success, and the enormous crowds of sightseers were kept in excellent order by the police. The happy faces of the people indicated their pleasure on seeing the bridegroom with his cheerful face and manly bearing. The procession returned to Darbargadh at 12.

This morning we were awakened by the booming of guns announcing the arrival of His Highness the Thakore Saheb of Wadhwan.

At 9 a.m. to-day the "Chhaba" issues from the palace to present clothes and ornaments from the father of the bridegroom to the bride. All the officers of the State, Bhayats and guests will take part in it. It will go to the Kailas Bag, the bride's residence, and after giving the "Chhaba" things to the bride's father, will return to the Darbar palace at about 12 noon.

This morning H. H. the Gaekwar visited the various institutions of the State accompanied by Mr. R. C. Dutt, Diwan Bahadur Samarth Sur Subah, Lieutenant Shirgaokar, A.-D.-C., and Mr. P. B. Joshi, Gondal officer in charge of the Baroda camp.

PERMISSION was given in the High Court at Calcutta yesterday for the withdrawal of the suit instituted by Messrs. Whiteaway, Laidlaw and Company against the Nawab of Dacca, the latter having paid Rs 8,500 in satisfaction of the plaintiffs' claim.

MR. F. H. NICHOLS, an Amercian traveller, has died at Gyantse of pneumonia. He originally came to India by way of Yunan and Burma, and was allowed to proceed to Gyantse last autumn on condition that he returned by the 1st January. He was unable to leave Gyantse owing to the illness, which has terminated fatally.

AN ignominious fate has befallen the illustrious Bishop of Meaux, Bossuet, or his effigy, which comes to very much the same thing. Some little time back the good folk of Dijon determined to erect a statue of Bossuet in their cathedral of St. Benigne. The sculptor was chosen, his plater model approved and nothing remained but to perpetuate it in marble. The sculptor travelled to Carrara to choose his block, and when there was struck with the idea of completing his work on the spot. Everybody was agreeable; the statue in due time was completed, and was despatched on a special truck to Dijon. But alas! when the statue arrived the custom-house officers presented a little bill of 15 francs in the 100 kilos., or 800 francs all, the amount of duty to which it had become liable, and flatly refused to give it up until the money was paid. There was no money in hand to pay this unforeseen charge, and nobody volunteered. So for the present the statue remains at the Douane, and the Custom-house officials threaten that unless the amount is paid shortly the marble bishop will be sent to the central office and sold for what it will fetch to cover the duty.

NEWS IN ADVANCE OF THE MAIL.

The North Sea Incident.

RUSSIA'S EXTRAORDINARY STORIES.

INSTRUCTIVE ETHERGRAMS.

THE PORT ARTHUR SURRENDER.

COLOMBO, JAN. 25.

Telegrams in the Australian papers just received here contain the following:—

Mr. Bennett-Burleigh, "Daily Telegraph" correspondent, reports that a large portion of Nogi's army has been hurriedly despatch to Liaoyang.

Kuropatkin is urging the authorities at St. Petersburg to send him reinforcements promptly, pleading that he expects a general attack during February.

Increasing dissatisfaction is being felt in St. Petersburg because of Kuropatkin's inaction and his incessant demands for reinforcements. In some quarters it is suggested that he ought to be recalled.

The "Times" military critic states that it is now beyond doubt that the Russian casualties resulting from the fight at Shaho numbered 60,000 while the Japanese losses were not more than 16,000.

None of the ships of the Baltic Fleet actually entered the ports of Diego Suarez, Tamatave or Majunga in Madagascar. The French cruisers on the station are insufficient to watch the whole of the Madagascar coast.

The "Eclaire," a Paris journal, publishes an extraordinary story. It declares that the Russians intend to testify before the international commission that the Japanese emissaries engaged a dozen Danish pilots to wreck the Baltic Fleet. Rozhdestvensky took them aboard, sent them below and selected others. According to the same journal, the Russians well testify that the Japanese chartered small vessels transformed them into torpedo-boats and mingled with the Hull fishing fleet.

At the opening of the commission, Admiral Beaumont strove hard, but in vain, to secure public sittings. He succeeded in obtaining admittance, for the reporters during the taking of evidence, summaries of which and the Commissioners' decision will be communicated to the public.

The "Pall Mall Gazette" states that on the night of the Dogger Bank affair, an ethergram in Russian was received at Shorncliffe and forwarded to the Admiralty, by whom it was deciphered as follows: "What damage has been sustained by the Orel and Oleg?" At that time the Admiralty was unaware of the outrage. It was imagined for some hours that the Orel and Oleg, the two Russian warships mentioned, had collided.

The "Daily Mail" states that various Russian ethergrams, received at British stations during the passage of the Baltic Fleet, show that the Russians were aware that they had attacked their own ships, mutually mistaking them for the Japanese vessels and that the torpedo-boat story was an afterthought.

Nogi's figures with reference to the Russian garrison at Port Arthur show that five Russian regiments which at the beginning of the siege, numbered 12,000, still have left 206 officers and 5,451 rank-and-file.

In the course of an interview with Nogi, Stoessel said he was grateful for the Mikado's kindness in allowing the Russian officers to retain their swords. He acknowledged Nogi's considerate conduct throughout the war. The real cause of the war was he said Russia's ignorance of her enemy's fighting qualities. He said the turning point of the siege was the arrival of the Japanese 11in. guns. He expressed surprise at Kuropatkin's defeats and added it was useless for the Baltic Fleet to proceed to the East. Oyama informed Kuropatkin by letter that Port Arthur had capitulated and expressed his admiration of the gallant defenders of the citadel. The effect of the news on the Russians was overwhelming, since a longer defence was expected.

The "Standard" declares that one half of the Russian officers lately at Port Arthur are choosing captivity in preference to parole because of the cold terms of the Tsar's message intimating that they might take the option. Stoessel, until after the capitulation, believed the Chinese spies' story that Kuropatkin was a few miles north of Port Arthur.

The "Daily Telegraph's" correspondent at Port Arthur states that the Russian prisoners show no signs of starvation. On the contrary he declares that they seem to be in the best of health and condition. The Russian officers appear keenly to feel the humiliation.

The "Times" correspondent at Tokio states that the Japanese newspapers, while applauding the bravery of Stoessel's defence, are unanimous in condemning what they describe as his unsoldierlike conduct in taking the parole oath and returning home without his army.

The same authority adds that the total number of Japanese military prisoners at Port Arthur, including wounded, was only 70. When this fact became known it excited deep emotion among the Japanese inasmuch as it was believed that hundreds of Japanese wounded fell within the Russian lines and were allowed to perish.

Count Leo Tolstoi, son of the famous Russian reformer, has written a remarkable letter to the "Novoe Vremya." He says Britain is behaving like a model ally in spying on Admiral Rozhdestvensky's movements, and adds that England's alliance with Yellowskins will ensure her downfall since contact with savages is demoralising.

SAILANA NOTES.

MILITARY MANŒUVRES.

A TEMPLE OUTRAGE.

The 109th Infantry, Ahmedabad, under the command of Col. Godfrey, arrived here on the 19th inst., writes our Sailana correspondent, and were encamped a few yards beyond the dak bungalow. The 108th Infantry, Mhow, the 38th Battery Royal Field Artillery, Neemuch, the 4th Battery R. F. A., Ahmedabad, the Royal Horse Artillery, Mhow, the 39th Central India Horse, the Seaforth Highlanders and the 44th Infantry Mervada-Ajmer from Nasbirabad all arrived by the 22nd inst. and have encamped in different directions between Sailana and Dhamnod on one side and Sailana and Advani on the other side. Since the 23rd instant they have all commenced Military tactics, such as trench-digging, gun-loading and firing and pursuing enemies, &c. These operations are being carried on about three miles from Sailana and under the supervision of the General Commanding the Forces. His Highness the Maharaja Sahib and the Dewan Sahib went to view the camps of exercises and manœuvres. The Commanding Officers of those regiments who had sent in their indents for rations beforehand have all been supplied by the State contractors. The rest have to buy provisions from local shops which have been opened near their camps.

Major L. A. Forbes, the Political Agent, Malwa, inspected the State Jail, the English school and the Medical Dispensary. He appeared much pleased with what he saw. The Political Agent left on Tuesday for Sarwan, a thikana of a Jagirdar under Rutlam. The place is under the Agency Superintendence, the heir-apparent being a minor. His Honour will return here after a couple of days.

Special post and telegraph offices have been opened here for the Military camp, and the officers have all been very busy.

About a couple of miles from Sailana there is situated a temple named Kedareshavji in a picturesque place between small hills, which is frequented by Hindus on holidays. Two fairs are held in a year, and this is a place which is often visited by Political Agents and other European officers coming to Sailana. They all admire it for its beautiful appearance, its architecture and sanctity. Some persons, said to be native soldiers, about twenty-five in number, who have not been identified, entered this temple and some of them broke the image of the goddess, mutilating the face. They also damaged the temple bell. Complaint of the outrage has been made to the Raja Saheb and the military authorities. The repairs to the mutilated image will cost about Rs. 300, but the expenses in re-instating the defiled image with religious rites will be thousands of rupees.

TITLES AND CIVIL EMPLOY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—Under the heading of Military Intelligence in your edition of the 25th instant, your Calcutta correspondent wires that "the question of retention of their military titles by officers in Civil employ is under the consideration of Government." May I ask, as a matter of curiosity, how the Government of India can take away titles conferred by His Majesty in virtue of commissions held by these officers, and whose services, be it noted, have only been lent to the Government? Further, how can the Government of India prevent the promotion of officers to higher grades on attaining the requisite length of service, without breaking the conditions of service under which those officers entered the Indian Army?—Yours, &c.,

INDIAN ARMY.

AMONGST the applicants at the Highgate Police-court was a lady who desired to swear an affidavit as to her age. She said she believed she was about forty years of age. She was born on board a ship on the way to Venice. Sir Francis Cory-Wright: Have you been to Somerset House? If it was an English ship your birth would be registered there. Applicant: I think it was a foreign ship. Mr. Frank Beal (the clerk): Why do you want to do this. Applicant: A friend of mine died a short time ago, leaving a sum of money to be invested in an annuity for me. The solicitors say they cannot buy the annuity because I cannot produce my birth certificate. Sir Francis told the applicant to put her statement in writing and then attend the court [illegible]

FRIENDSHIP.

Ask not for love, it is not mine to give;
It has been given once, and once for all;
Rightly or wrongly, I have never asked
Trusting I gave, and trusting still I wait.

Ask not for love; is friendship not enough?
A thing of which love knows not, nothing cares,
It is the peace, without the passion's sting;
The sharing of life's gifts without reward.

Ask not for love, but be content with this,
And I will write your name upon my heart.
When I am weary, you shall comfort me
With sweetest friendship that the world has known.

Ask not for love, but take the better part;
It will not change, or pass away with years;
It will content you if you truly seek
My fullest happiness, and not your own.

Ask not for love, it is not mine to give;
I offer yet a greater gift than love;
Self-sacrifice will purify our souls,
Ask not for love, but be my Friend.

MECO.

KARACHI'S EXPORT TRADE.

CONGESTION OF TRAFFIC.

During the past six months, Karachi Harbour has been in a more or less congested condition. The volumes of wheat poured into the port have taxed the resources of the local administrations to the utmost, and it has been a common sight to find not only the wharves at Keamari constantly engaged day and night, but six or seven steamers waiting in the stream for an opportunity to come to the wharves. Not only have the Railway and the Port Trust found considerable difficulty in coping with this unprecedented traffic, but the local lighterage companies have hardly been able to meet the excessive pressure on their resources for landing and shipping cargo in the stream. It was generally believed that the period of excessive pressure would have been all over by the present month, which hitherto has been regarded as more or less a slack time for exporters. But so far from this being the case, Karachi has never been busier. The N.-W. Railway is daily loading more wagons than in the height of the busy season; goods traffic is much congested, not only are all ships' wharves at Keamari quite full and every morning the berths in the stream occupied but such a stage has now been reached that steamers are unable to enter the port for want of room. At the present moment five vessels the Bird Oswald, Roath, Shadwell, Stephanotis, and Tokio, are lying at anchor outside the harbour waiting for an opportunity to enter. There seems no probability of any diminution in the volume of exports during the coming months. The "Sind Gazette" writes: "It behoves all interested merchants, the Railway, and the Port Trust to take prompt measures to extend and enlarge the existing facilities."

ARRIVAL OF H. M. S. HYACINTH

H. M. S. Hyacinth, Captain the Hon'ble H. L. A. Hood, arrived in harbour at noon yesterday from Colombo, with His Excellency Rear-Admiral Atkinson-Willis, the Naval Commander-in-Chief of the East India Squadron, on board. H. M. S. Perseus satuted the Admiral's flag by firing 13 guns as the flagship entered the port, the compliment being returned by the Hyacinth.

PASSENGERS BY THE HOMEWARD MAIL.

THE following passengers proceed to-day by the s. s. Caledonia for Aden, Marseilles and London:—

Brown Rev A O and Mrs
Brown, Mr Emslie
Bayne, Mr W G
Chamier, Capt W St G
Campbell, Mr D F
Cohen, Mr Marcus
D'Albedyhill, Mr C C
Darling, Mr H J
Edwards, Mr E
Finch, Major C
Gardner, Capt R M S
Goodwill, Rev F and Mrs and infant
Gigner, Miss
Goodall, Mr W M
King, Mr Charles
Keogh, Mr W E
Locket, Mr A
London, Mr W R
Leicester, Capt B
Milsom, Mr B P
Mosehovis, Mr N
Macdonald, Mr F C
Macbeth, Mr
Staughter, Mr E M
Scott, Mr and Mrs A L and child
Summers, Mr R B
Trewhella, Rev W B
Wilson, M P, Mr J
Wilson, Mr (Jr)

DACOITS FIRING PLAGUE HUTS.

THE Hon. Mr. Justice Russell and the Hon. Mr. Justice Aston, sitting on the Appellate Side of the Bombay High Court, have disposed of an appeal in a case against Nimbya bin Ranappa, who was convicted by Mr. C. C. Boyd, Sessions Judge of Kanara, in November last, of dacoity and was sentenced to rigorous imprisonment for three years.

The accused was charged with committing dacoity at night six years ago with ten or eleven others at a small group of huts erected owing to plague in the outskirts of the village of Nandikatta, in Mundgod Mahal. Hazrat Saheb, the chief man in the small group of huts, said that the accused was an outdoor servant of his. He woke up at midnight and saw his hut was on fire and fled in panic to a distance. He heard the names of accused and others being shouted. Some ornaments of his female relatives were missed, but they were recovered after some time. About ten of those who took part in this dacoity were convicted and sentenced by the Sessions Court some years ago. The accused, however, was missing since the night of the dacoity in December 1898 till now. On the night of the dacoity there was a full moon. Witness Raje Saheb corroborated Hazrat, but, not being so terror-struck, was able to observe more of what happened. Before the hut was fired he recognised the accused and three others of the dacoits. Accused held a stick and spoke and encouraged the other dacoits. Fire was put by the dacoits to the hut in which Hazrat and others were with the apparent object of making them run out. His wife's ornaments were missed, and later on were found with one of the dacoits who was convicted. Shivaninga was one of the dacoits who was convicted and sentenced to six years' rigorous imprisonment. He described how the dacoity was planned with the help of the accused and carried out at night with accused's help. He said that he lost courage half way through the work and ran away. The case, said the Sessions Judge, was a very simple one, and the evidence quite unbiassed, and none of the witnesses was stated to have any ill-will against the accused. He was convicted and sentenced to three years' rigorous imprisonment.

Their Lordships, looking at all the evidence, dismissed the appeal.

A HIGH COURT JUDGMENT REVERSED.

THE Hon. Sir Lawrence Jenkins Chief Justice, and the Hon. Mr. Justice Batty, presiding in the Appeal Court on Thursday, disposed of the appeal filed by Thucker Bhanji Oursondas against the decision of Mr. Justice Russell in the suit filed by the appellant against Thucker Damoder Mathowji and others, executors and trustees of Thackersey Cullianji, deceased. The Hon. Mr. Raikes and Mr. F. Sorabji Taleyarkhan, instructed by Messrs. Captain and Vaidya, appeared for the plaintiff and appellant; and Mr. Inverarity and Mr. Lowndes instructed by Messrs. Payne and Company, appeared for the defendants and respondents.

In the suit in the Court below the plaintiff, as a specific legatee and also as the residuary legatee under the will of the deceased, prayed that the estate may be administered by the court, that the legacies be given, that the defendants be ordered to account for the moneys come to their hands, and that, if necessary, they may be removed from their position of trustees. At the hearing the plaintiff claimed to prove wilful default on the part of the defendants on the plaint as it was framed, but that was not allowed, and the plaintiff was given leave to amend the plaint on certain terms and conditions. The plaintiff was unable to carry out these terms and conditions, whereupon Mr. Justice Russell passed the usual administration decree. Against this judgment the plaintiff appealed, claiming that, on the plaint as framed, he was entitled to prove wilful default.

Sir Lawrence Jenkins, in delivering judgment on the appeal, said the Court must reverse the judgment of Mr. Justice Russell and send the suit back for trial. The plaintiff was clearly entitled to prove the allegations in the plaint, and he should have an opportunity of doing so, more especially of proving the allegation of fraud and wilful default as alleged in the plaint. If the plaintiff succeeded in proving any one of these allegations, he would be entitled to a decree on the ground of wilful default. The suit would therefore be sent back to the lower court for re-trial, which would consider the question of all the costs.

SUIT TO RECOVER A HOUSE.

The Hon. Mr. Justice Batchelor, presiding at the High Court yesterday, disposed of the suit in which Raghunath Venkatesh, a minor, sued through Bai Balubai, widow, his grandmother, one Ramchandra Sakaram, Shankar Babaji and another to recover from them a house in Kumbharwada and some moveable property, collectively valued at Rs. 7,027. Mr. Jinnah and Mr. Bhandarkar, instructed by Mr. Hiralal Dayabhoy, appeared for the plaintiff; Mr. Rustom Wadia and Mr. Setlur, instructed by Messrs. Raghavaya and [illegible]mji, appeared for the second defendant. The first and the third defendants appeared in person. After the evidence was proceeded with in the case, the parties came to terms, and a consent decree was passed by the Judge. The second defendant was ordered to remove from the house [illegible] Rama's Mandir, and to hand over the house [illegible] ably to plaintiff's next friend Balubai [illegible] from [illegible] in [illegible]. To this defendant Rs. 350 were al[illegible] ed in satisfaction of all his claims. [illegible]

WOMEN'S INTERESTS.

Modes of the Moment.

THE SEASON OF FANCY DRESS.

THE ACTIVITIES OF WOMEN.

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A cloth of the finest and softest description, so smooth that it is almost like kid in appearance, remains one of the favourite fabrics of the moment and it is just such a cloth as this, in the palest shade of shell-pink, which was used to fashion a novel fur-trimmed gown seen this week. The skirt is arranged at the waist with a number of wide pleats, kept perfectly flat, and contrived in such a way that they leave a plain panel of cloth down the centre of the front. This gives an effect which is invariably becoming. Near the hem there is a finger-width trimming of mink, and on the centre panel some of those raised rings covered with silk embroidery which figure prominently at the moment on many of the smartest gowns. They are worked, of course, in a pale shade of pink, to match the cloth exactly. The bodice is also very smart with its triple revers of cloth, trimmed with fur and its coat-tail basque, stopping short on either side. The sleeves are quite new, with their puffs of cloth drawn up on the shoulders and their pleated and fur-trimmed draperies. Another smart frock is made in a new kind of chameleon taffetas glace shot with soft shades of peach colour, mauve, and palest pink. Little ruches of the same silk put on in various scroll designs, adorn full skirt very effectively, while the bodice has a deep corselet belt laced down the centre of the front. The upper part of the bodice is closely gathered on the shoulders with draperies which are drawn together in front, and outlined with very full ruches of the silk. The opening is filled in by a chemisette of ivory-white Brussels lace laid over pale blue soft satin, and the elbow sleeves, which are made in a new and very becoming shape, are also finished with Brussels lace frills.

Once again new ideas for fancy dresses are under discussion. From a careful study of certain of the pictures by Sir Joshua Reynolds, by Romney or by Gainsborough, many charming costumes can be evolved, while there are always the more conventional flowers and seasons to fall back upon when all else fails. For quite young girls the flower dresses are perhaps the daintiest of all, and many charming frocks of this description have already been designed for wearing at the children's annual fancy dress ball at the Mansion House. The ivy-geranium, with its pale pink flowers and long trailing foliage, gives its name to a very pretty fancy dress for a girl of fifteen or sixteen. The dress itself is of soft white muslin, with three little frills round the hem of the short skirt. From the knees downwards, there is a trellis-work of glossy pale green foliage, caught together where the green lines cross by knots of pale pink geranium blossom. The full bodice is drawn down under a wide waistbelt, formed of soft silk ribbons, some pale pink and some pale green, cleverly folded together, while a deep fringe of pink geranium blossom forms a berthe, intermingled with trails of foliage. The short sleeves are formed of a lattice-work of leaves and blossoms, and a Juliet cap of the same flowers and foliage will be worn in the hair, fitting quite closely to the back of the head. Many pretty suggestions for fancy dress can be found among the dainty and delightful costumes that are worn this year in the pantomime at Drury Lane, notably in the picturesque scene which is laid in the fairy orchard at the end of the first part, and again, when the triumph of Hymen is celebrated, at the end of the second part. The cherry dresses are among the most charming of all, and would well serve as very fascinating fancy dresses, with their elaborate embroideries on soft white satin, and their garnitures of cherry blossom, and clusters of ripe, crimson fruit glowing now and again with brilliant electric light. Some of the other dresses are also very lovely.

There was an unwritten law, and a very rigid one, years ago, that a debutante should be dressed in white muslin and blue ribbons. To-day, however, she still wears white, but follows the dictates of fashion both in the cut of her costume and the material used. The traditional white tulle has given place to silk mousseline for those who need not count the cost; and chiffon—particularly in the heavy weight known as chiffon cloth for more serviceable wear. Nets, either plain or dotted, but usually of close mesh, are durable and modish, and some of the most attractive models are made of these materials. Silk gauze, too, though semi-transparent and wonderfully soft, is durable enough to be distinctly desirable. Crepe, in its numerous variations, is a debutante's stand-by, and though not remarkably fashionable this winter, is too practical and beautiful not to be popular. Satin, traditionally set aside for mature womanhood, has been pressed into the service of the debutante, since it has become wonderfully soft and light in weight. The messalines and other high-lustre silks are also much worn, and the taffeta mousselines and various soft taffetas are made up into quaint, delightful evening frocks.

The printed chiffons, nets, and mousselines in flower designs are always dainty, and, if colour and design are not flamboyant, they are youthful in suggestion. These flowered thin stuffs have one advantage in that they do not necessarily demand much trimming. Inset lace often trims frocks of such material, but the colour and design are in themselves an elaboration. It should be remembered that, in making up these flowered, thin materials, a flowered design on a white ground is invariably more effective over white than over colour. Many dressmakers make the mistake of using a slip in the colour most prominent in the flower design; but a slip matching the foundation of the transparent material will be found much more satisfactory. Applied flowers and embroidery in flower design play a considerable part in the trimming of youthful evening frocks, the applied trimming being less costly than hand embroidery. Bouillonees, ruches tiny frillings, pleatings, cordings, and gaugings are all used for silk frocks, and lace invariably enters into the trimmings, although often confined entirely to the bodice. Gauged satin or velvet ribbon in baby widths, narrow bouillonee of silk, little ruches of lace or silk or mousseline are greatly used for trimming fine, soft frocks, and are set on in scroll designs, waved lines, or festoons.

Ribbon embroidery, too, is considered youthful enough for the debutante's frock. On one model of white chiffon the full skirt had three ten-inch ruffles of wide, soft taffeta ribbon, gauged full, and set on at slight intervals, with upstanding headings. A swathed girdle of the taffeta ribbon and double sleeve frills of the ribbon carried out the idea embodied in the skirt, the sleeve frills being set just above the elbow, the other standing up against the full puffed sleeve of chiffon. The d colletage, in surplice form, was outlined by a taffeta frill, without heading, inside of which was draped a chiffon fichu. Gold and silver gauze ribbons are much used for trimming white frocks. These ribbons are gauged or ruched like the narrow velvet or satin ribbons, and are especially effective in combination with lace upon white. For example, one model in white silk mousseline had as skirt trimming tiny frills of silver gauze ribbon set on in groups of fine frills running round the skirt, while between the groups of ribbons the spaces were filled by little frills of lace of the same width as the ribbon and applied in the same numbers. Similar trimming appeared on the bertha, the girdle was of silver gauze and little bows of silver gauze were tucked among the full drapery of blouse front and short sleeves.

Gown materials which admit of self-trimming cover a wide field, for on the heaviest cloths are seen bias bands, rosettes, and quillings of the same. Those clothes whose close weaves will permit have the raw edge on quillings and puffings. Others have trimmings narrowly hemmed, made into rosettes, and held down by a metal or velvet-covered button. Cut in a bias of perhaps four inches, taffetas, veilings, soft silks, and wools are used for doubled pleatings at the edge of skimpy skirt flounces. Upon the bodice that is round and girdled high the same pleating may edge a surplice caps effect, and ruche the three-quarter sleeves coquettishly. The flat puffs—bouillonees—which were the joy of our mothers in the sixties, are showing a tendency to rise in the middle. Such a puff is generally of the narrowest description, turned in, and gathered at the edges in the usual way, but with a single tuck or gathering down the middle.

Under the name of rose puffs such trimmings, which are charming in figured taffetas, are sometimes made of narrow kilting, opened plain at the middle by the tucking and put on loosely. A gown in spotted brown taffeta displays rose puffs of the same on the skirt and fichu-trimmed bodice. A second gown of grey panne shows the doubled kilting, put at the lower edge of bias bands, stitched to simulate braids. Different forms in flounces are shown on the self-trimmed frocks, some of the bias velvet frills recalling accurately the quaint simplicities of old days. The very quillings of antiquated fashion books are also used, one sort being a doubled bias made in a species of hour-glass box pleating stitched through the centre.

Plain bias bands in different widths also trim a number of these gowns, and variation is sometimes made in these by having the bands in a lighter or darker tint. For example, a reception gown of pale violet cloth has the skirt and [illegible] trimmed with a shade bordering on amethyst [illegible] fullness of the newest models [illegible] trimmings very effective for [illegible] elsewhere. Contrasting materials are often used in them with benefit, such as velvet and silk on cloth, or the combination reversed.

But it is perhaps upon the corsage that the most astonishing effects are achieved by self-trimmings. Used in conjunction with lace—for lace forms part of all dressy bodices—the mere manipulation of the dress material often results in a bewildering bodice. Round the slight plastron of white, showing back and front in a yoke of the most discreet description, will be seen shoulder straps and gaugings of the dress texture. Some of the daintiest little jackets are also made merely by manipulating the material oddly. If the fabric is thin enough it may form gauged boleros or effects which simulate them. One of these jackets is worn with a dress in black Liberty silk, the deep kilted flounces of the skirt forming a narrow ruche at the bottom. Made into tiny bows and rosettes, the value of silk or velvet comes out in the very decorative quality of these ornaments against a lace yoke and undersleeves.

As far as women's work goes, we have much to be thankful for in the year that is past, and dare one say it? something surely to be proud of. What though the somewhat pessimistic voice of Lucas Malet has been warning us in a contemporary from the fields and pastures new that the modern woman is exploring so successfully, and hails us back to the domestic hearth as the only fitting sphere for feminine aspirations, it is impossible to regard the wider hope for women, born of the experience of the last few years, as but a splendid fiction and prodigious dream. No, the hearth and home are very charming milieus, but there are other corners surely still left to fill? There is no excuse now for standing idle in the market-place. Competent women can find work of a skilled sort in home life and in public life also, says that eminent pioneer of feminine progress. Miss Emily Janes, in her preface to "The Englishwoman's Year Book for 1905," just issued by Messrs. Black—a volume, by the way that no woman worker will be without if she can help it.

And only by reading that amazing record of women's work for the past year in all its manifold branches does one really gather any idea of the enormous field that is being covered by the many-sided activities of the sex whom henceforth it will be a misnomer to call the weaker. To Miss Janes pre-eminently is the gratitude of all women workers due for thus co-ordinating and systematising a record of women's labours in all their forms comprising as it does the homely arts of hairdressing and spinning as well as the knotty problems of science and politics. Indeed from the fish-curing industry to the care of friendless girls, and from laundry work to lecturing there is not a single department of activity omitted from this comprehensive survey. Among the pleasantest memories of the past year is that of the Women's Congress held at Berlin which has swept even the German "hausfrau" into the stream of feminine progress. Talking of Germany from Berlin comes the suggestive news as we learn by the "British Journal of Nursing" that the Countess Helene von Schweinitz of Berlin has been admitted to the ranks of surgeon dentists. Who shall say after this that the "Fatherland" is altogether given over to reaction and the "hausfrau!"

Meantime, at home, indoor occupations no longer monopolise our energies, for the garden is tending to become as much our own special domain as the household, judging from the extraordinary development that gardening for women has reached during the past year. Yes, we are showing an unexpectedly "constructive capacity," as far as the home is concerned, and considering that Miss McLelland is already laying the foundations of the house she is to build at Tunbridge Wells, it looks as if women were to be the makers of the home in more senses than one. And women are doing building of another kind as well. That most accomplished of lady mountaineers! Mrs. Fanny Bullock Workman has achieved a distinction even better than the conquest of the untrodden peaks of the Himalayas—where she has won so many laurels—by bridging over that gulf of language which yet, alas! too often yawns between the French and English promoters of the "entente cordiale." According to "The Literary World," this intrepid lady has been lecturing, in French, at the Sorbonne on her climbing experiences, and indeed these would be thrilling enough in whatever tongue they were told.

INDIA AND AFGHANISTAN.

INTELLIGENT criticism of Imperial affairs is not the strong point of the Native Press in Bengal, whose point of view is apt to be provincial; but one might reasonably expect something better than the attempts of the "Bengalee" newspaper to make capital out of the visit of the Sardar Inayat Ullah Khan. After stating that the Government of India had given his Highness Rs. 1,20,000, this paper goes on to lodge the usual protest against the taxpayer's money being wasted. Certain [illegible] the same time added as to the reason for this gift and generally there was a clear intention to stir up trouble as regards British policy towards Afghanistan. The statement was, of course, untrue, for there was no departure from customary etiquette in the reception of the young Sardar in India. On arrival in British territory a cash "ziafat" of Rs. 21,000 was presented to his Highness on behalf of Government in accordance with time-honoured custom. No other payments whatsoever were made to the Sardar or to any of his party. The "Bengalee" is equally inaccurate in saying that "when the Durand Mission went to Afghanistan the late Amir offered Sir H. M. Durand Rs. 30,000, as a present but, of course the offer was respectfully declined. "A ziafat of Rs. 33,895 Kabuli rupees was offered to Sir Mortimer Durand and was accepted according to precedent, and credited to the Government "toshakhana." Oriental etiquette requires the giving and receiving of these money-presents, and as a Native newspaper must surely know there is not the least political significance attached to them. They are not personal in any way; and the omission to make them would be considered very discourteous.—Pioneer.

INSURING THE CZAR'S LIFE.

PREMIUMS AT LLOYD'S.

VAGUE rumours continue to be circulated regarding the health of the Czar. These rumours were more or less substantiated at Lloyd's yesterday, says the "Daily News" of December 31st, where his life was insured for twelve months at a very heavy premium. The amount of the total policies runs into many thousands of pounds—the precise figure is difficult to obtain—and the premium paid is fifteen guineas per cent. The policies have been taken out at the instance of several holders of Russian stock, the demand for insurance coming from the Stock Exchange.

This sudden activity on the part of bond-holders recalls a similar event during the lifetime of the grandfather of the present Czar, and rumour in this connection connects the recent insurances with the fear of a recrudescence of Nihilism. That there are dangers lurking on the medical or political horizon is demonstrated by the fact that last week the premiums upon the same risk were but five guineas per cent. The high rate demanded now simply means that Lloyd's consider the Czar's life worth rather less than seven years' purchase.

In the course of a brief conversation with an insurance expert a representative of "The Daily News" was informed that the acceptance of the risk was a pure gamble.

"There is no life office in London that would look at the business. Lloyd's are different: they would take the risk and divide it up. There must be some trouble looming somewhere to warrant such a heavy premium as fifteen guineas for every £100. For an ordinary 'life' the same age as the Czar any good office would issue a whole life policy for £2 10s. per cent., or for 12 months for 30s. per cent."

"What about the legality of such insurances?"

"They are perfectly legal in cases where the insuring parties stand to lose by the death of the insured. In the present case the insurers are holders of Russian bonds, which would be sadly depreciated by the death of the Czar; therefore they are justified in insuring up to the amount of their risk. A private person may not, however, speculate in life policies. The Gambling Act put a stop to that a long time ago."

MR. BALFOUR'S GOLFING STORY.

AMONGST his golfing friends, says a writer in the "Daily Chronicle," Mr. Balfour has as good a reputation as a raconteur of the ancient game as he has upon the links as a keen fighter. His best story is this:—Two players went out to play a match by moonlight, and they were worthy of each other, and the game was even and mostly all square. And presently, at a crisis of the game, when it seemed necessary to do great things, they came to a long hole of over 400 yards. Far away into the silvery light of the night each drove a long ball so long that the keenest eyes could not follow it in its track. But each man said he saw where his ball had gone, and they trudged forwards side by side from the tee. They walked a hundred yards, a hundred and fifty, and then two hundred, and each man wondered when the other was going to stop. But there was no faltering, and each walked on in silence. Two hundred and fifty yards, three hundred and then the distance of the record drive was passed. But still they walked on. And then they came to the putting green more than four hundred yards from the tee, and lo! there was each ball within a club's length of the hole!" The truth was that each of the players had arranged at a crisis of the game to be able to drop a ball through a hole in his trouser's pocket, and the Premier, as he concludes, points out the moral that, when such dark schemes are conceived, care should be taken to ensure that the enemy has no similar designs.

MR. W. T. STEAD, writing in the "Daily Chronicle," on the Religious Revival in South Wales, says of the newly converted miners in the collieries, "Where once the hauliers swore at their ponies in Welshified English terms of blasphemy, there is now but to be heard the haunting melody of the revival music. The pit ponies, like the American mules, having been driven by oaths and curses since they first bore the yoke, are being re-trained to do their work without the incentive of profanity." It is thought probable that the revival may reach England and even invade London.

BOMBAY SANITARY ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING.

THE first annual general meeting of the Bombay Sanitary Association was held in the Health Section of the Industrial and Agricultural Exhibition yesterday afternoon, His Excellency Lord Lamington presided, and there was a large attendance of members and those interested in the work of the Association. Amongst those present were:—The Hon. Sir Lawrence and Lady Jenkins, the Hon. Mr. S. W. Edgerley, C. I. E., Kumar Shri Vijaysinghji of Palitana, Mr. James Macdonald, Dr. J. Turner, the Hon. Mr. Ibrahim Rahimtoola, the Hon. Mr. Vithaldas D. Thackersey, the Hon. Mr. Justice Aston, Mrs. Grattan Ge[illegible] Lieutenant-Colonel W.B. Bannerman, Sir Bhalchandra Krishna, Mr. George Lund, Sir Harkisondas Narotamdas, Lieutenant-Colonel M. A. T. Collie, Mr. Narottam Morarji Gocuidas, Mr. Amirudin Tyabji, Mr. J. A. D. McBain, Mr. L. N. Banaji, Mr. J. J. Mody and Sardar Mir Abdul Ali Akbar Ali. At a quarter past 5 o'clock their Excellencies Lord and Lady Lamington, attended by Captain Meynell, Aide-de-Camp, arrived at the Health Section, where at the entrance they were received by the Hon. Sir Lawrence Jenkins, the President of the Association, and the members. All having taken their seats, His Excellency asked the Honorary Secretary, Dr. Turner, to read the report.

THE ANNUAL REPORT.

Dr. J. Turner read the annual report, which was as follows:—Your Excellency, Sir Lawrence Jenkins, Ladies and Gentlemen,—I have the honour to present the first annual report of the Bombay Sanitary Association. The Association was organised last January, and the inaugural meeting was presided over by His Excellency the Governor, and this report gives a brief account of the year's work. It is perhaps only a coincidence, but rather a striking one, that the year which has just passed has been the healthiest since 1896. The general mortality was reduced by 7,837, while the mortality from plague was less by 7,226 than in the previous year. The birth-rate was higher than in any previous year of the history of Bombay, and by 3,181 than in the last year. What part the Association has played in this favourable condition it is not possible at the present moment to say, but that the spread of the knowledge of value of sanitation and a desire for better sanitary surroundings has been increased by the efforts of the Association cannot be denied. The Managing Committee have met on six occasions and carried on the business of the Association. The average attendance of the members was 11.

HEALTH VISITORS.

Sub-committees for the various districts have been formed and have paid visits to the different sections in the City, with a view to bringing to the notice of the people the value of personal and domestic hygiene. In this connection I should like to mention the names of Mr. Damoderdas Goverdhundas Sukhadwala, Khan Saheb M. Fariduddin, Mr. K. R. Kama, Rao Bahadur Keshavji Nathu Sailor, Mr. Vijbhukandas Atmaram, Dr. D. B. Master, Khan Saheb Gulam Hussein Rogay, Mr. Tribhovandas Mangaldas Nathubhoy, Rao Bahadur Narayen Trimbak Vaidya, Khan Bahadur Abdul Razak bin Curtas, Rao Bahadur Vasanji Khimji, Dr. P. J. DeSouza, Rao Bahadur Ghanasham N. Nadkarni, Khan Saheb Kazi Mahomed Ali Murgay, and Haji Esmail Gool Mahomed, who assisted me in forming sub-committees and in visiting the localities with the health visitors. Health visitors have been appointed who visited regularly the worst houses in the City and explained to the people how to improve the condition of their room by ventilation, white-washing, disposal of refuse, condition of floor, sanitary conveniences, seeking medical aid in times of sickness, and keep their rooms free from accumulation of dust and refuse and advising on prevention of disease—small-pox vaccination, plague, phthisis, consumption, diseases of infants. Health visitors sent weekly reports of the work done by them to the Honorary Secretary, which were sent by them to the Divisional Health Officers, who took the necessary action in the matter. Lectures in English were given by Khan Bahadur Dr. Choksey on "Plague," Dr. Powell on "Malaria," Sir Bhalchandra Krishna Bhatavadekar on the "Housing Problem," Dr. Gokhale on "Personal Hygiene," and Dr. Tata on "Infectious Diseases," and in vernacular by Dr. Gokhale and Dr. Naik and Khan Bahadur Curtas on subjects relating to health. A course of instruction in elementary hygiene was held and 25 students—male and female attended the classes, and an examination was held at which 12 appeared and 10 passed the test. The course of lectures have been the means of instructing a certain number of persons on sanitation, who are now able to impart that knowledge in the elementary schools. Leaflets in vernacular and English were distributed on malaria, plague, small-pox and the disposal of house hold refuse. A large quantity of soap supplied gratis by Messrs. MacDougall Brothers was distributed by the district nurses. Pamphlets in Marathi were sent by Mr. Gupte at the instance of Mr. Enthoven. That the value of such an association is evident from the fact that since the formation of the Bombay Sanitary Association a similar institution has been organised in Calcutta on the same lines. Letters have been received from Hyderabad (Sind), Berar, Akote, Tinnevelly and Indore asking for our rules and regulations with a view to organising similar Associations. Deputies from Madras, Bhavnagar, Hubli, Bharatpur, Nasik, Poona, Mysore, Nagpur and Belgaum have been sent to attend the lectures at the Health Section, and become acquainted with the Sanitary Administration of the City. The Bombay Sanitary Association has [illegible] from what may have been done in the City itself, been the means of creating a deep interest in sanitation generally and providing instructions to a large number of persons by giving them an opportunity of seeing the more modern methods of practical sanitation.

HEALTH SECTION AT THE EXHIBITION.

An excellent opportunity offered itself when it became known that an Industrial and Agricultural Exhibition was to be held in Bombay. The Health Section of the Industrial Exhibition was organised by the Bombay Sanitary Association with a view of placing before the public and the visitors of the Exhibition practical lessons on modern sanitation and prevention of diseases. When the Working Committee of the Exhibition were approached by the Sanitary Association, they gladly welcomed the suggestion and cordially supported it. The Hon'ble Mr. Vithaldas Damodar Thakersey and Mr. Murzban, in spite of their arduous duties, gave all the help they could. It was decided that the Sanitary Association should erect their own buildings and manage the Health Section, and the Corporation was approached for a grant in aid towards the expenses. The Corporation, ever ready to assist in any measures likely to benefit the sanitary welfare of the City, granted Rs. 5,000 to defray the expenses of the Health Section. The Government of Bombay was asked to give their support and co-operation by allowing their Medical Officers to demonstrate on plague, malaria and snake-bite. The Government of Bombay cordially co-operated with us and the Government of India approved, suggesting that every facility should be given to diffuse knowledge of the plague prophylactic. Col. Bannerman, I. M. S. the Director of [illegible] atory, set up a complete [illegible] method of preparation and [illegible] vaccine and gave detailed [illegible] Liston, I.M.S., undertook the [illegible] to malaria and antivene[illegible] Maharajah of Bhavnagar [illegible] the fund one Gold Medal [illegible] the Health Section, and Ku[illegible] of Palitana gave a donation [illegible] these Princes we are very [illegible] support. It was only in October last that the idea of organising the Health Exhibition with that of the Industrial and Agricultural Exhibition was proposed, and with the limited time at our disposal a certain amount of success has been achieved. Medical Officers of Health and Sanitary experts from Madras, Indore, Nagpur and many other places were deputed to acquaint themselves with the exhibits at the Health Section specially. The Health Section has been much appreciated by the people and has given them an opportunity of seeing the most modern sanitary appliances and learning how they should be applied, and how disease can be averted and what precautions are necessary to prevent its spread. Lectures and demonstrations were given by Col. Bannerman, I. M. S., on "Plague Prophylactic;" Capt. Liston, I. M. S., on "Malaria and Antivenene;" Mr. Sherring on "Waste of water and water-supply;" Mr. Kashinath Dhuru on "Waste of water and water supply" in Vernacular; Dr. Cayley on "Steam Sterilization of infected clothes;" Dr. Ebrahim Hussein on "Steam Sterilization of infected clothes" in Vernacular; Dr. S. N. Gore on "The anatomy of the human body" in Vernacular Mr. Avaree on "Malaria" in Vernacular; Mr. G. O. W. Dunn on "Improvement Trust Schemes;" Dr. J. A. Turner, on "Air, water and drainage of the House;" Mr. Price on "The Bacterial treatment of sewage;" and Dr. S. V. Kantak on "Vaccination." Over 300,000 persons have visited the Exhibition and nearly every one has passed through the Health Section.

PUBLIC HEALTH MUSEUM.

It is proposed that the models and appliances should be kept by the Association as a nucleus for the formation of a Public Health Museum similar to the Parks Museum in London, where students and those interested in sanitary science can see and obtain information on everything relating to public health. The Association has thus made a good beginning. Its work has become recognised and its influence felt and it is to be hoped that in the future the scope of the Association will take some concrete shape by the acquisition of a building and the formation of an institution, where hygiene in all its branches can be thoroughly studied. Any startling results cannot be immediately obtained, for it is only by constantly bringing before the public the value of self-help in methods of sanitation that an impression can be made. The number of ordinary members is 161, patrons 2 and life members 25. The total amount of income during the year was Rs. 7,649-11-4 and expenditure was Rs. 1,437-0-0. The Association has received donations from Rao Bahadur Keshavji Nathu Sailor, Dr. Jehangir Eduli Nusserwanji and Dr. D. R. Bardi, and Professor [illegible] of the Grand Indian Circus gave a circus performance, and Messrs. L. W. Michael and L. Mongini has organised concerts in aid of the Association, and to all these gentlemen we are thankful for the assistance rendered by them. Appended to this report is a statement of the receipts and expenditure which has been audited by the Honorary Auditors, Mr. Aiyar and Rao Bahadur Dhakji Cashinathji, and placed before the Managing Committee.

LADIES' BRANCH.

The Ladies' Branch was organised by Lady Lamington. A meeting was held at Lady Jenkins' house and a sum of Rs. 1,200 collected and placed to the account of the Ladies' Branch at the Bank. It is intended to collect sufficient money to organise a system of district nursing to women in Bombay, which will benefit all classes and sects, and is an object in which all ladies should take an interest, and it is to be hoped the sufficient funds would be forthcoming to start the district nursing very soon.

THE RESOLUTIONS.

Sir Bhalchandra Krishna, in moving the adoption of the report, said their energetic and [illegible] Secretary, Dr. Turner, had really been the founder of the Association. It had established itself [illegible] and had spread its influence [illegible] different classes and strata of society in Bombay. It had set an example to [illegible] similar associations [illegible]

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interest he had awakened among the people of this city with regard to sanitation and personal hygiene.

The Hon. Mr. Vithaldas D. Thackersey seconded the proposition, which was carried.

On the motion of Mr. James Macdonald, seconded by Mr. G. Lund, the present Managing Committee and the honorary office bearers were re-elected for the ensuing year.

THE GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS.

His Excellency then said:—The next item on the programme is that I should say a few words to the meeting. I think, apart from the fact what work this Association has done, Bombay is to be congratulated that last year the general mortality in the city was considerably reduced over the preceding years. But I must not lure myself into a feeling of false security, because the last week or fortnight has seen a very large increase in the mortality over similar weeks of 1904. Presumably it is owing to the rather cold weather that we have had. But whatever the cause may be it is evident we cannot yet think that we are free from this pestilence of plague. I do not think that one subject has been mentioned in the very excellent report read by Dr. Turner. He mentioned that there were lectures given on the plague prophylactic, but I do hope that after the explanation given by the Government of India as to the Mulkowal disaster the people will now resort to inoculation against plague. No doubt, as far as we see, it does give the best security against any attack of the disease. Of course there are other remedies which it is the peculiar function of this Association to recommend to the people of Bombay. I think it is most satisfactory to learn that there has been a considerable number of visitors who have taken in hand the work of going round and explaining to the people the advantages of cleanliness and sanitation. I hope their numbers will still increase. And whilst I see it suggested that a permanent museum should be started where people may be able to study and observe what improvements are necessary for the management of their houses, it seems to me—and I do not want to throw cold water on the scheme—that it is still more essential to try and get masses of people and make them alive to the responsibility of observing proper sanitation in their own houses and in the immediate neighbourhood of their houses—(hear, hear)—or, in short, as the Chief Justice told us last year, to rouse their hygienic conscience. (Hear, hear). I hope, therefore, that the scope of the work of the Association will enlarge, and even though the efforts may seem very trifling in a vast population like that of Bombay, still every person who does realise more fully the advantages of proper sanitation must become the centre of influence. It is very satisfactory that by a coincidence of this Exhibition having been held this year, there has been such an opportunity for this Association to display its objects and purposes. I think it speaks well for the vitality and interest of those who are responsible for the management of the Association that they should have put into their hands this very large section, and that we should have the assurance that this section has been visited by a very considerable portion of all those three lakhs of people who have entered this Exhibition. The lectures, no doubt, will have a very great effect in educating those who attended them. I am very glad, indeed, to think that they were so resorted to by the public at large. I am very pleased to see that a number of gentlemen should be present here to-day, and also should have contributed in various ways to the resources of the Association. I am particularly pleased to see Kumar Shri Vijaysinghji of Palitana here on this occasion to show by his personal attendance that he is not contented merely with paying his subscription, but that he has at heart the work of this Association. I congratulate Dr. Turner upon what he has been able to accomplish within such a short space of time, and I trust that what he has done will imbue the public with their responsibility, not only for themselves but for their neighbours. (Applause.) I think there can be no better form of co-operation than by applying proper sanitary methods to their own houses, chawls and rooms where they live. (Here, hear.) With these words I beg to congratulate Dr. Turner and all his associates on the work which they have already been able to accomplish. (Applause.)

On the motion of Mr. Amirudin Tyebji a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to His Excellency for presiding at the meeting.

The proceedings then terminated.

INFRINGEMENT OF TRADE MARK.

At the Esplanade Police Court yesterday, before Mr. J. Sanders-Slater, Chief Presidency Magistrate, Merwan Rustom Irani, a shop-keeper in Bhajipala Street, Market Section, was charged at the instance of Chhaganlal Ragunathdas, partner in the firm of Hurji Mulji and Company, wholesale and retail chemists of Sheik Memon Street, with the infringement of trade mark. Mr. Smetham, of Messrs. Smetham, Byrne and Noble, solicitors, prosecuted.

The case for the prosecution was that Messrs. Hurji Mulji and Co. were the sole agents in Bombay of the Davis and Lawrence Company, manufacturing chemists of New York, who were the sole proprietors and manufacturers of a medicinal compound known as "Pain Killer." The name "Pain Killer" had been given to the medicine by Perry Davis, who originated it about the year 1839, and was adopted by him as his trade-mark. The "Pain Killer" had acquired high reputation and commanded a ready sale in Bombay. In consequence of receiving certain information, complainant sent one Narsidas to the accused's shop and purchased some bottles of "Pain Killer." Narsidas went there and purchased a bottle bearing labels similar to Davis and Lawrence Company's trade-mark, with the words "Vegetable Pain Curer." The accused's shop was subsequently searched by the police under a search warrant, but no imitation bottle was found in it. Bottles of genuine "Pain Killer" were, however, found.

The accused stated that he started business only six weeks ago. A few days later a Mahomedan came to his shop, placed the three bottles of "Pain Curer" on the counter and told him to sell them. [illegible] declined. The Mahomedan said he would come back and take them away. Since then the bottles remained in the shop. The accused did not pay anything for them. He was not present when his assistant sold them to Narsidas.

The Magistrate fined the accused Rs. 50, and ordered him to pay complainant Rs. 150 as costs of the prosecution.

THE WEATHER.

OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT 8 A.M. ON FRIDAY, THE 27TH JANUARY.

SUMMARY.

Pressure changes have been very irregular, showing a brisk rise in Ceylon, along the coast from Mangalore to Bombay, and also at Negapatam, Trichinopoly, Cuddapah and Bellary; a brisk fall in Rajputana and Central India, and a slight rise or fall elsewhere. The barometer is from ·02 to ·01 in defect of normal over the greater part of the country lying to the north of Latitude 21deg.

Winds are very variable in direction and the force has been strong at Jask and Negapatam and moderate to light elsewhere.

Temperature.—The maximum temperature is 5° to 7° in excess of normal at Surat, Deesa, Bhavnagar-Para, Rajkot and Ahmedabad, and 5° to 17° in defect in Sind and the Punjab; minimum 5° to 10° in excess at Ratnagiri and Ahmednagar and 6° in defect at Jubbulpore and Bhuj. The highest temperature in the shade was 91° at Colombo and lowest 43° at Jubbulpore.

Cloud and Humidity.—The sky is cloudy to overcast in the Bombay Presidency, the Punjab, Sind and on the Malabar Coast.

Rain in light showers fell at Lahore and Karachi.

Weather.—A small area of abnormally low pressure lies over Sind, Rajputana, Central India, Gujarat and at Delhi, Agra and Saugor, where weather is unsettled and will remain locally cloudy.

N. LESLIE,
Meteorological Reporter for Western India.

BOMBAY LIGHT HORSE.

SQUADRON ORDERS, BY MAJOR T. W. CUFFE A. D. C. COMMANDING Bo. L. H.

Bombay, January 28, 1905.

1. The Range at Santa Cruz will be available for Class Firing and competition for the Monthly Challenge Cup this afternoon the 28th instant from 3·30 p.m.

2. The Range at Santa Cruz will be available on the morning of the 29th inst. from 7 a.m. All those who have not completed their Class Firing should attend.

By Order,
F. A. REDDIE, Lieut.,
Acting Adjt. B. L. H.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS, BY LT.-COL. LOUIS P. RUSSELL, COMMANDING B. V. A.

Bombay, January 28, 1905.

The following drills will take place to-day (Saturday.)

No. 1 Company—

Parade at 4-45 p.m. at the Colaba North Fort for 6" B L Gun Drill.

No. 2 Company—

Parade at 4-30 p.m. at the B V A Club and proceed to Colaba North Fort for 6" B L Gun Drill.

By Order
A. STIFFE, Capt. R. A.
Adjt. B. V A.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER RIFLES.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY LIEUT-COL. E. FERRERS NICHOLSON, V. D. COMMANDING.

Bombay, January 28, 1905.

1. The Church Parade fixed for the 29th instant is unavoidably postponed, and will take place on the 19th February next.

2. It is notified for information that the Corps will hold a Camp of Instruction at Santa Cruz from the 3rd to the 11th February 1905, both days inclusive. The Annual Inspection will take place at the Camp on Saturday the 11th February, 1905.

3. The 112th Bombay Infantry Rifle Range at Santa Cruz will be available for class-firing daily until further orders. The Commanding Officer trusts that members will take advantage of this and that Section Commanders will get their Sections out to the Range so that their Sections may complete their class-firing as soon as possible.

4. Match VI, Class C, will be fired for at Ghat Cooper to-day (Saturday) the 28th instant.

Train leaves Victoria Terminus at 1-10 p.m. (Bo. Time).

By Order,
G. D. PRICE, Captain,
Adjutant B. V. R.

ACCORDING to American advices, the Japanese are already making preparations for the possible advent of Admiral Rojdestvensky off Formosa under the impression that this is a likely spot to be selected by the Russians as a naval base for their operations against Japan. American shipping has been warned to keep at least twenty miles away from the Pescadore Islands, a limit which includes the strait of the same name between Formosa and the islands in question and it is asserted that the Japanese are now busy laying mines along the entire west and south-west coasts of Formosa the only part of the seaboard thoroughly known to navigators.

LUXURY FOR THE SKIN.

"The Albion Milk and Sulphur Soap is pleasant to use and whitens and softens the skin", writes Lady Constance Howard, Countess of Westmeath, says "It gives much satisfaction." The ALBION MILK and SULPHUR SOAP is a highly agreeable and beneficial luxury for the toilet bath and nursery, and leaves the skin in a pure, refreshed and healthy condition. Delicately Perfumed. All Chemists, Stores, etc., sell it.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER RIFLES.

RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

The Competitions at Ghat Cooper (with the exception of Matches IX and XI) took place between the 15th and 24th January, and were divided into classes A, B, and C, as before. Class A.—Open to all wishing to compete for the Association Medals. Class B.—Open to members who have never won an aggregate of Rs. 20 or over in any previous Meeting of this Association. Class C.—Open to members who have never won a prize before. Members electing to fire in any one class were barred from competing in any other. The Entries in Class A were 28 against 28 of last year, those in Class B were 23 against 28. Class C is not yet completed. The Gold Medal of the Association was won by Cr. Serg Instr in Musketry, J. H. Downing with 181 Points, the Silver Medal by Sergt. M. Veeners with 170 Points, the Bronze Medal by Cr Sergt. R Soundy with 165 Points. The Bombay Rifle Club Gold Medal by Volunteer A. C. Otto with 90 Points. The thanks of the Council, and also of the individual members of the Association, are due to H. E. the Governor, H. E. the Lieut-General Commanding the Forces, Bombay, and to the many private individuals and Bombay Firms who so generously came forward with contributions in cash and other prizes. The Council also wish to state their appreciation of the courtesy of the Officer Commanding 1st Batt. G. I. P. Ry. Volunteers for so kindly placing the Ghat Cooper Range at their disposal, and of the different Bombay daily papers, viz:—the "Bombay Gazette," "Times of India," and the "Advocate of India," in publishing so readily all matters connected with the Association.

MATCH I CLASS A.

	200 yds	300 yds	Total	Prize Rs
Vol A C Otto	34	26	60	50
Sergt M Veeners	32	26	58	a
Cyclist A W Scott	29	28	57	20
Lce Corpl W C Shepherd	30	27	57	15
Vol R H Selkirk	31	26	57	10
Cr Sergt P R Soundy	34	23	57	10
Corpl F Gidney	29	26	56	10
Cr Sergt Instr in Musketry J H Downing	26	28	54	a
Maj D J Sharp	28	26	54	5
Vol G Lawrence	29	25	54	5

a Forfeits under Bye-Law 15 of Prospectus

MATCH II CLASS A.

	500 yds	600 yds	Total	Prize Rs
Cr Sergt Instr in Musketry J H Downing	28	32	60	a
Vol A C Otto,	27	29	56	a
Sergt M Veeners	25	30	55	b
Sergt R Wenning	30	23	53	20
Vol R H Selkirk	31	22	53	15
Lce Sergt A H Underdown	28	24	53	10
Vol G Lawrence	21	30	51	10
Cyclist A W Scott	27	23	50	10
Lce Corpl W C Shepherd	22	26	48	5
Cr Sergt P R Soundy	26	22	48	5

a Forfeits under Bye-Law 15 of Prospectus
b Messrs Marks & Co's Prize Value Rs 50

MATCH III CLASS A

	700 yds	800 yds	Total	Prize Rs
Cr Sergt Instr in Musketry J H Downing	34	33	67	b
Corpl H Netscher	33	28	61	20
Lce Corpl W C Shepherd	26	33	59	15
Cr Sergt P R Soundy	34	25	59	10
Maj D J Sharp	29	29	58	10
Vol G Lawrence	31	27	58	10
Sergt M Veeners	27	30	57	a
Corpl F Gidney	29	26	55	5
Sergt A D'Silva	28	26	54	5

a Forfeits under Bye'Law 15 of Prospectus
b Messrs Lund & Blockley's Prize Value Rs 75

AGGREGATE PRIZES.

MEDALS.

The highest aggregate score in the first three Matches, Class A, to take the Gold Medal of the Association; the next highest aggregate score, Class A, to take the Silver Medal of the Association; the third aggregate score, Class A, to take the Bronze Medal of the Association.

	Points
Cr Sergt Instr in Musketry J H Downing	181 Gold Mdl
Sergt M Veeners	170 Silver Mdl
Cr Sergt P R Soundy	165 Bronze Mdl

The highest aggregate scores at 200 yards in Match I, and 500 and 600 yards in Match II, class A, to take the Bombay Rifle Club Gold Medal.

Vol A C Otto.... 90 Points Bombay Rifle Club Gold Medal

MATCH I CLASS B.

	200 yds	300 yds	Total	Prize Rs
Corpl E M Cuzen	26	24	50	a
Lce Corpl J W Petterson	25	22	47	a
Vol S Patterson	26	21	47	18
Vol A G Johnstone	25	20	45	9
Vol C H Cooke	24	20	44	9
Vol J Cahill	24	20	44	9
Corpl W Jefferies	23	20	43	8
Vol J Macfarlane	24	18	42	5
Vol C E Drake	21	20	41	3
Vol H McCormack	22	18	40	3

a Forfeits under Bye-Law 15 of Prospectus

MATCH II CLASS B

	500 yds	600 yds	Total	Prize Rs
Lce Corpl J W Petterson	29	25	54	b
Corpl E M Cuzen	22	26	48	a
Vol W Jones	27	21	48	9
Vol T Stockbridge	21	24	45	9
Vol C E Drake	20	22	42	9
Vol J Cahill	30	12	42	9
Vol A G Johnstone	20	18	38	8
Vol H McCormack	22	15	37	8
Vol R H Fido	23	13	36	3

a Forfeits under Bye-Law 15 of Prospectus
b Messrs Rose & Co.'s Prize Value Rs. 50.

MATCH III CLASS B.

	700 yds	800 yds	Total	Prize Rs
Corpl E M Cuzen	20	25	45	b
Vol C H Cooke	24	20	44	8
Cyclist J V Hildrith	23	18	41	8
Cyclist A Conyers	29	8	37	8
Vol A G Johnstone	21	15	36	8
Vol S D'Silva	11	22	33	6
Vol W Jones	17	15	32	3
Lce Corpl J C Chapman	16	15	31	3

b Messrs Soundy & Co's Prize Value Rs 50

MATCH IV "THE SHARP SHOOTERS"

	200 yds		Prize Rs
Cr Sergt Instr in Musketry J H Downing	3	Ties	22-8-0
Vol J Richardson	3	Ties	22-8-0
Cr Sergt P R Soundy	2	Ties	10
Corpl A Netscher	2	Ties	10
Lce Corpl White	2	Ties	10
Cr Sergt J A Mackinnon	1	Ties	1
Sergt M Veeners	1	Ties	1
Lce Sergt A H Underdown	1	Ties	1
Vol R H Selkirk	1	Ties	1
Vol A C Otto	1	Ties	1
Vol G Lawrence	1	Ties	1

MATCH V "THE MOVING TARGET."

	200 yds		Prize Rs
Lce Corpl White	4	Ties	22-8-0
Vol J Cahill	4	Ties	22-8-0
Cr Sergt Instr in Musketry J H Downing	3	Ties	9
Cyclist A W Scott	3	Ties	9
Vol G Lawrence	3	Ties	9
Vol W Richardson	3	Ties	9

MATCH VII ALL COMERS.

	300 yds	Prize Rs
Cr Sergt Instr in Musketry, J H Downing Bo Vol Rifles	31	a
Sergt M Veeners, Bo Vol Rifles	30	b
Cr Sergt J A Mackinnon, Bo Vol Rifles	28	4
Sergt Maj R W Chapman, G I P Ry Vols	28	4
Vol L D Burns, Bo Vol Rifles	28	2
Sergt Instr G W Vine, Bo Vol Rifles	27	2

a Messrs Lawrence and Mayo's Prize Value Rs 35
b Prize Value Rs 20

MATCH VIII—ALL COMERS.

	600 yds	Prize Rs
Cr Sergt Instr in Musketry J H Downing, Bo Vol Rifles	33	a
Cr Sergt J A Mackinnon, Bo Vol Rifles	33	b
Cr Sergt P R Soundy, Bo Vol Rifles	31	2
Sergt F E Otto, G I P Ry Vols	31	2
Vol R H Selkirk, Bo Vol Rifles	30	1
Sergt Maj R W Chapman, G I P Ry Vols	23	

a R Ditmar Esq Prize Value Rs 40
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CHILDREN and nursemaids are the latest opponents of the London County Council. Mr. F. McKenzie, a baby-carriage builder, of 4, Great Portland-street, had, as already stated in the "Daily Mail" designed and produced an exquisite little bassinette, electrically driven and fitted, for the nurse's benefit, with a two-speed gear, to go either two or four miles an hour, and to cost fifty guineas.

The idea was popular not only with the children but with the nurses who would be relieved of pushing the perambulator. Many orders were given. Then at the last moment Mr. McKenzie wrote to the London County Council to ascertain their attitude with regard to these cars being used in public, and, after some delay, he was told that the police would probably forbid such a vehicle being used on the footway, and consequently that the cars would, under the Motor-Car Act of 1903, require to be registered and to carry an identification plate. Further, it was declared that the driver must be licensed, and that no one under seventeen years of age could obtain a license.

The car, Mr. McKenzie said the other day, cannot possibly go faster than four miles an hour. It is simply worked by one handle and even when going at its full speed, could be easily stopped by a nurse-maid putting her hand on the back of it.

NEW BEEF PRODUCED.

FOR some time Mr. Leyland, of Haggerston Castle, has been experimenting with a cross of the North America bison and various types of British-bred cattle. The idea is to provide a variant of British beef, and the first two of these sent to market were a cross between the bison and the Highland variety. The animals had grown to maturity in the wild state, and much resembled their American ancestors, clothed with the black, shaggy coat of the true bison, and with his splendid head, horns, and shoulders. Great difficulty was experienced in getting the animals to Newcastle, as they were wild and fierce, and eventually they were consigned in special boxes. Despite these precautions, only one arrived alive, the other struggling so for liberty that it first entangled its horn in the box and then broke its neck. The other animal was so much alive that the consignees were afraid to release it and it had to be shot in its box.

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During the general hunt for Christmas boxes, a small boy called at the office of a great Manchester warehouse and asked that he might see the principal. On being admitted to the private office he was asked his business. "Well," said the great man, "what is it?" "Please, sir," said the lad, "would you please to give me a Christmas box, sir?" "Who are you?" asked the merchant. "Please, sir," said the lad, "I am the boy what borrows your hand-cart.",

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The wonderful new "high-speed" steel, which is so called because it will cut other steel faster than ever was done before without getting hot or breaking, has been turned to a new use. The general impression has been, says the "American Machinist," that no high-speed steel will take a fine edge. To prove that this impression is not correct, so far as least as one high-speed steel is concerned, the Sir W. G. Armstrong-Whitworth Company has had some razors made of its high-speed steel. Shavers—young men in a hurry—who have been in the habit of shaving fast enough to break or to heat red-hot the razors they employ, will find this latest product of Manchester enterprise invaluable.

We have heard of another Manchester invention of still more general utility. This is a miniature gas meter of a new type. It consists of a small turbine or windmill enclosed in a cylinder, which is attached to the gas supply pipe on each cooking range or heating stove. In order to reach the stove the gas must pass through this cylinder, and in doing so it sends the turbine spinning round, and thus works the meter. The more gas the stove burns the quicker it flows through the pipe and cylinder, the faster the turbine spins, and the higher the meter registers. The advantage of this handy little contrivance is that it enables you to register the amount of gas used for cooking and heating apart from that used for lighting. With an eye to diminishing the fog nuisance, a wise gas committee would charge less for gas used for the stoves than for the lighting gas—say 1s. 6d. per thousand cubic feet instead of 2s. 6d. A similar differential rate is already adopted in favour of electricity for power as against that for lighting. As the consumption of gas for fuel increases the gas committee's plant could be extended on the simpler lines necessary for the production of the pure, cheap fuel gas at 6d. per thousand cubic feet referred to by Sir Oliver Lodge. The cleanliness, simplicity, and cheapness of the gas fire would then drive out the open grate, and so our fogs would be made less murky and the smoky chimney nuisance abated.

In England when anyone comes much before the public notice, the usual result is that thousands of unoffending children become burdened for life with such names as Redvers Lord Roberts Buller Baden-Powell Smith or Oyama Anne Togolina Nodzu Jones. In Germany they are more merciful, and reserve such names for their towns and houses. Thus the fiancée of the Crown Prince has just had the compliment paid her of having her name adopted for a workmen's colony which is being erected in the neighbourhood of Potsdam. According to a decision of the local authorities, the new district is to be officially designated as Cacilienhohe, in honour of the Duchess Cecile.

Not perhaps unnaturally, the Japanese are wounded in their feelings when superior European persons point at their former national custom of the happy despatch as a proof of their innate barbarity. One of them, Baron Suyematzu, has recently been essaying to prove that hara-kiri, or, more correctly, seppuku, was a humane custom by no means deserving its evil reputation. In feudal days, it was the penalty prescribed for any offence committed by a Samurai against the code of honour of his military caste. A special officer was deputed to attend at the execution, and a Kai-shakunin, or second, assisted the condemned man in shuffling off the mortal coil with neatness and despatch. The ripping open of the body was by no means an essential part of the proceedings as has usually been represented in Europe. As a rule the sufferer as soon as he had slightly wounded himself, as the law prescribed signed to his second, who promptly cut off his head with a sword. So that, after all, there was not so very much difference between the seppuku and our own methods of enforcing the death penalty.

The King of Wurtemberg is proposing on his own account a scheme tending towards the greater liberalising of the Constitution of his country. In many respects the Wurtemberg Constitution is already the most liberal in Germany. The Royal proposals are calculated to augment the number of elected Parliamentary representatives and to diminish those who hold seats by right of their position or by the nomination of the Sovereign. The Chambers, as at present constituted, are two—the Kammer der Standesherren, or House of Lords and that of Representatives. The first has until the present time consisted of 32 members, 26 of whom sat by right of heredity, the remaining six being nominated for life, should the new proposals become law this will be changed to 48 members, composed as follows:—Twenty-four hereditary, four being princes and 20 peers; 24 life members, including six nominated by the King, six elected by the nobility, two bishops, the President of the Consistory, the President of the Wurtemberg Evangelical Synod, one Catholic bishop, the oldest canon, the Rector of the University, the Rector of the Higher Technical School, one representative apiece of agriculture, commerce, and industry, and one elected by the trade unions. The Lower Chamber at present consists of 93 members, 70 of whom are directly elected and 23 indirectly, including 13 representatives of the nobility, six of the Protestant clergy, three of the Catholic, and one of the University of Tubingen. Under the new arrangement these 23 would disappear (as noted above, they reappear with some modification in the reformed Upper House) and be replaced by an equal number of directly elected members. Should these proposals be carried into effect the hereditary element, which is opposed to all political progress, would no longer command a permanent majority in the other House, while the whole of the Lower would be chosen by the secret ballot and universal suffrage.

"Ragging" is by no means confined to English public schools. An American freshman, writing home, tells of the doings of the sophomores of his college, who captured him and a number of freshmen and hauled them off to be introduced into the mysteries of their new life. After being compelled to "scramble like eggs" in the quadrangle, they were taken to one of the dormitories. Here a most-enjoyable evening was spent—in a manner he described in the letter:—"William Tell's wonderful feat was performed again and again, although with less skill, a wet sponge being substituted for the bow and arrow, while the freshman's face took the place of the apple. George Washington cut down a whole orchard of cherry trees, the roles of George, cherry tree, and axe being taken by freshman. In addition to the main performance, which I have attempted to describe, there was a series of side-shows which were no less attractive. One fellow was put under the bed and told to roll out like a volume of smoke. Meanwhile a victim in the opposite corner was doing his best to develop like a film."

The latest wonder is more wonderful even than wireless telegraphy, for by all accounts we are to have electric power as well as the electric light without wires. Nikola Tesla promises a commercial scheme for electric power transmission without wires. It seems that a tower is to be erected at some suitable spot, and from this energy is to be delivered over the earth's surface at one hundred million volts, houses being provided with a roof terminal for receiving the waves. The power transmitted, so it is stated could then be used for lighting vacuum tubes inside the houses or for driving small motors. It is needless to add that this scheme of Nikola Tesla, if practically developed will revolutionise the present methods of supplying electrical energy. One manifest advantage under this new system of wireless electric transmission will be that the terror of electrocution by live wire will no longer hang, like the sword of Damocles over the public who venture out of doors.

We are told that more lives were lost in railway accidents in the United States during last year than in the whole of the Spanish-American War. In ten years the railway death-rate has reached the appalling total of 78,152. Of course this is one way of putting the matter. And yet there are statisticians who are ready to assert and to back their assertion up with facts and figures—which, as we know, are said to prove anything—that a railway carriage is one of the safest places in the world. Thus they would argue that the death-roll on the American railways, according to these appalling figures, comes out at less than a yearly average of 8,000 for the ten years. But then, they would point out, this railway mortality is only a small percentage—and, in fact, does not reach a percentage in the strict meaning of the word—of the enormous public who have travelled on the railways. Suppose the population of the United States is put so low as 80,000,000 for the average over ten years—but it is a great deal higher,—then the 8,000 deaths comes out at one for every 80,000 of the population. Viewed in this light, the railways are safer than the streets of a town or city. What town with a population of 80,000 can boast of an average of one death from street accidents during the past ten years? Is New York or London or Manchester or Liverpool, say, in this happy position? The answer must be given in the negative.

Our own hiring fairs have their parallels upon the Continent. One of great and ancient renown is that which has just been held at Metz. It is known in local language as "la loue," and takes place on the day after Christmas-day in the square in front of the Cathedral. Not so very many years back it was famous for the picturesque costumes worn by the servants and farm labourers waiting to be engaged, but it has now lost much of its old importance and the characteristic blouses and head-dresses of Lorraine are but rarely to be seen. Nevertheless it still attracts large crowds, as it is there that the rates to be paid for labour during the year are settled. On Tuesday the farmers offered up to £40 a year for foremen, from £2. 5s. to £2. 10s. a month for marcaires, and from £10 to £32 a year for ordinary farm hands. A similar fair was held on Thursday in Luxembourg.

THE qualifications for political distinction in Australia seem rather strange. According to the "Australasian," a squatter who had announced his intention of voting for a particular candidate was remonstrated with by a friend who said: "Oh! but you can't really mean to say you're going to support X. Why he's quite impossible, and belongs to the Labour Party." "Oh, yes," was the reply. "I mean to vote for him; the man's a fair champion." "Champion of what may I ask?" queried the friend. "Well for one thing" rejoined the squatter, "he can eat peas like no other man I ever saw. The other day at the Billabong Hotel he loaded his knife with them from point to hilt, balanced it like a conjuror, emphasised his argument with it, and never spilt a blessed pea."

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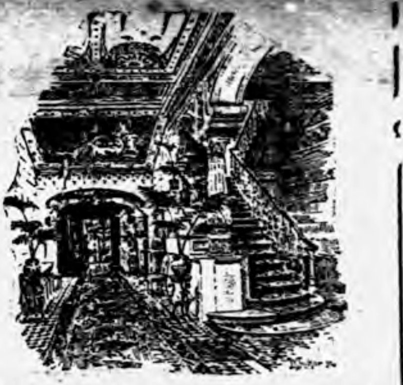

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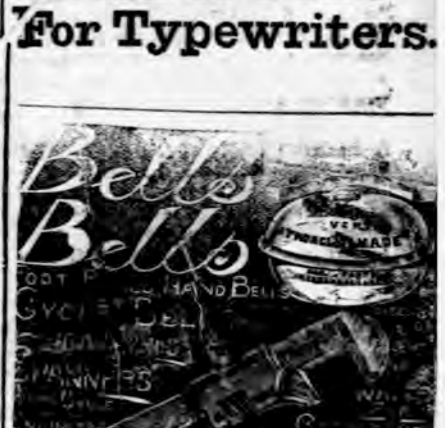

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Prince Patter (straining his eyes in the direction of "The City of Phantasia".): What's that big building over there?"

Prince Plump: "That's a theatre."

Prince Patter: "And what's that building next door to it?"

Prince Plump: "That's another theatre."

Prince Patter: "And what's that other building just behind?"

Prince Plump: "That's a theatre too."

Prince Patter: "Why, the place seems to be all theatres! Where are the private houses?"

Prince Plump: "There are no private houses."

Prince Patter (in astonishment): "Then, where do all the people live?"

Prince Plump: "In the theatres!"

The audience is not long in perceiving that the "City of Phantasia's" other name is the City of London.

It is quite as much a duty as it is pleasure to take the kids to Drury Lane, and the parent or guardian who looks down the long list of Christmas holiday entertainments in the advertisement columns of the papers is sure to give first consideration to Mr. Hickory Wood's adaptation and Mr. Arthur Collin's production of "The White Cat." The old story is retold clearly and brightly by Mr. Wood, and the scenic illustrations of Mr. Collins are astonishingly beautiful. Out of the fourteen scenes in which the pantomime is played, no less than eight are of special elaborateness, and the dressing of the ballets must have run into thousands of pounds. I learn on good authority that this pantomime is the costliest production ever seen at Drury Lane, the dresses having used up nearly twice the amount of money spent in this direction last year, and the salary list being the largest by several pounds of all previous Drury Lane pantomime record. What with this greatly increased expenditure, which has been made necessary by the rapid spread of competition elsewhere, and the tremendous cost the management have been put to over the L.C.C. alterations to the house, the task of keeping expenses within unfairylike limits must have been enough to stand even the firmly plastered hair of Mr. Arthur Collins on end!

If there is anyone in the Drury Lane cast who can compensate us for the loss of Dan Leno, that person is Mr. Harry Randall, who appears in the various costumes, supernatural and earthly, of the Fairy Asbestos. Although there may be limits even to the salaries of star comedians of pantomime, it would be impossible, from the point of view of the man outside the Drury Lane treasury door, to overestimate the value of Mr. Randall to the White Cat. Working untiringly in spirit, and obviously determined to do his very best, he yet manages to get through his enormous part—he is on the stage in nearly every scene—with an air of the most perfect ease, and with a control over himself and the attention of the audience which is quite extraordinary.

As one can easily tell by the appreciative responses from all parts of the house, the voice of the comedian finds its way into every corner, however, remote, like the new broom of the new housemaid. The laughter may be almost continuous while he is on the stage, but he never by any chance loses a line in it. With a deliberation that is characteristic of the man and his career—for it will not be forgotten that he has risen to his present position by definite work and the most determined will—Mr. Randall waits until his hearers are quite ready to receive his jokes, and when he has no doubt whatever about it being the right time to aim, he sends them plump into their laps. Drury Lane never had a safer pantomime comedian to show than this very material Fairy Asbestos, who, a little over a quarter of a century ago, was a mild young chorister in one of our most important churches!

One of the most striking and interesting turns at the wondrous Coliseum is the Dick Turpin sketch performed by Mr. R. A. Roberts. The quick-change part of the proceedings, marvellous as it is, will be of secondary importance only to the growing schoolboy, whose unfailing sense of devotion to the romantic atmosphere which surrounds the memory of booted and spurred highwaymen is sure to be specially pleased by the dashing figure of dauntless Dick, by his song of the road, and by the picturesque and realistic scenes of Hampstead Heath, where the highwayman is supposed to have made himself particularly well-known. To get dress and environment as perfect as possible, Mr. Roberts went to no end of trouble. Books and prints in the British Museum were thoroughly searched for identifying marks to connect the new highwayman with the old, and Mr. Roberts paid several visits to the old Spaniard's Inn, at the north end of the high Spaniard's Road where Dick Turpin is supposed to have refreshed himself before making his record ride, and where there still remain, in the keeping of the landlord, many articles which once belonged to the personal and compact luggage of the celebrated terror of wealthy merchants travelling about the country with their family jewels hidden away under their carriage seats. The ancient hostelry being to-day in much the same condition as it was over a hundred and fifty years ago, Mr. Roberts has had no very great difficulty in getting a faithful representation of Dick Turpin's picturesque stopping place.

The Maharajah of Mysore is among the many persons, who, although watching Mr. Roberts's turn from the back of the stage, have been completely puzzled as to how the quick-change actor-vocalist makes his extraordinary rapid transformations. The Maharajah, on Mr. Roberts being introduced to him after the show, displayed a deal of comic hesitation over shaking hands with the performer, and appeared to be quite relieved when the little interview was ended. The distinguished Indian told a friend a few days after his visit to Mr. Roberts that he had reason to believe he had shaken hands with the devil.

Mr. Roberts has been connected with the stage ever since he was fourteen years of age. He made his first appearance at the Theatre Royal, Liverpool, the city of his birth; and it is told of him, by way of accounting in some measure for his genius for lightning-changing, that in the melodrama which required him to appear in several walk-on parts at old times during the evening, he was so remarkably quick at getting into different clothes and standing in readiness in the wings in his latest character, that the manager of the theatre, being behind the scenes one night, spoke very roughly to the stage manager for his extravagance in engaging so many boys, when two or three would have been sufficient! Mr. Roberts's first protean sketch, Lucinda's Elopement, was produced at the the Palace Theatre under the management of the late Charles Morton (who, by-the-way, had a very high opinion of the dramatic Fregoli, as the Coliseum's Dick Turpin has been called), and ran there for over a year.

When Mr. Hayden Coffin goes over to the Apollo to take up the part of Mr. Lawrence Rea (booked for the American tour of The Duchess of Dantzic) his place at Daly's will be filled by a gentleman who is, as was Mr. Coffin before he went on the stage, very well known on the concert platform—to wit, Mr. Gordon Cleather, who sings ballads more perfectly than almost any of our favourite singers. By a few—alas, for art, a very few! playgoers Mr. Gordon Cleather will be remembered for his beautiful singing of some of the numbers in "The Masque of Love," when it was revived about a couple of years ago or more at the Queen's Theatre, or Penley's, the production being remarkable, like "The Vikings" at the Imperial, for the strange stage effects, designed by Mr. Gordon Craig, Miss Ellen Terry's artistic son. Long strips of silken material hanging thickly all round the stage, like giant curtains torn to ribbons by giant cats, represented the chief scenic scheme, and the stage was dimly lighted by a few yellowish candlebeams which seemed to shine up from the floor—if shine is an allowable term to use in such a connection. But the voice of Mr. Cleather was not to be smothered, even by deadening curtains and smouldering tapers, and he sang under these peculiar circumstances—as he sings always—with excellent taste and tunefulness.

Mr. Gordon Cleather has everything to make him successful in light opera: a handsome face and figure, a graceful carriage the very perfection of enunciation, and a peculiarly sympathetic voice. It is hardly to be expected, with his slight experience of the musical stage, that his acting is as yet all that could be desired, but it promises exceedingly well, and is already more formed and easy than that of many a comic opera baritone of long standing. Singing is not Mr. Cleather's one and only musical accomplishment. He is a fine pianist and organist, and, curiously enough, he is equally popular as a singer with women as with men. When he sits down at the piano among his friends, the men of the party clamour even more loudly than the women for him to sing ballad after ballad in his own inimitable fashion. Upon his new and most important engagement at Daly's, Mr. Cleather has the congratulations of a large circle of musical friends and admirers.

The simplicity of the story of Peggy Machree, the new Irish opera which was produced at Wyndham's Theatre last Wednesday, is not likely to keep audiences out of the house. Elaborate plots are a great mistake in work of this kind, and Mr. Bidwell, the author of the play, is entitled to praise rather than to blame for not drifting into the backwaters of the main stream. It is absurd to object to the presence in the piece of the long arm of coincidence. It is of what all plays are made. If there were no long arm of coincidence, the play would have no legs—to use an appropriate Hibernianism. What if there does happen to be a real priest handy when Lady Margaret O'Driscoll, masquerading as a country girl, Peggy Machree, and Barry Trevor, the merry hero of the story, decide to have a mock marriage for the amusement of the people at Downkilty Fair? Stranger things than this have happened in the musical plays at the Gaiety, Daly's, and the Prince of Wales's? And the incident makes a very fine start to race along from. Best of all, the story has inspired the composer to write a wealth of the most delicious Irish melodies, and these are sung as only Mr. Denis O'Sullivan, the Barry Trevor of the romance, can sing them.

Mr. O'Sullivan gets a chance in this piece of proving that he can play the violin as well as his favourite tin-whistle, to which reference was made in these columns a week or two ago. Five year after his marriage with Lady Margaret, Barry returns to Downkilty as a wandering fiddler, to meet of course and (equally of course) to fall in love with and win the sweet, "Peggy Machree," who is now in her own true aristocratic character; and it is needless to say that something far different to the customary street music proceeds from the strings of the wanderer's violin. Mr. Esposito, with the occasional assistance of Mr. Clarence Lucas, has written some very taking melodies for "Peggy Machree," and Miss Marie Dainton, who appears in the title-role, works most satisfactorily at Mr. O'Sullivan's side in the business of giving it vocal expression. There may be more elaborate musical fare of the light order in London than "Peggy Machree," but there is none more cheery, more wholesome or more truly pretty.

Mr. Noma, Consul for Japan at Hong-Kong, received the following telegram from Baron Komura:—Tokio, January 4th.—H. R. H. the Japanese Crown Princess gave birth to a son on the 3rd instant. Both mother and child are doing well. The little one, therefore, made his entrance into the world just in the midst of the rejoicings over Port Arthur's surrender.

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